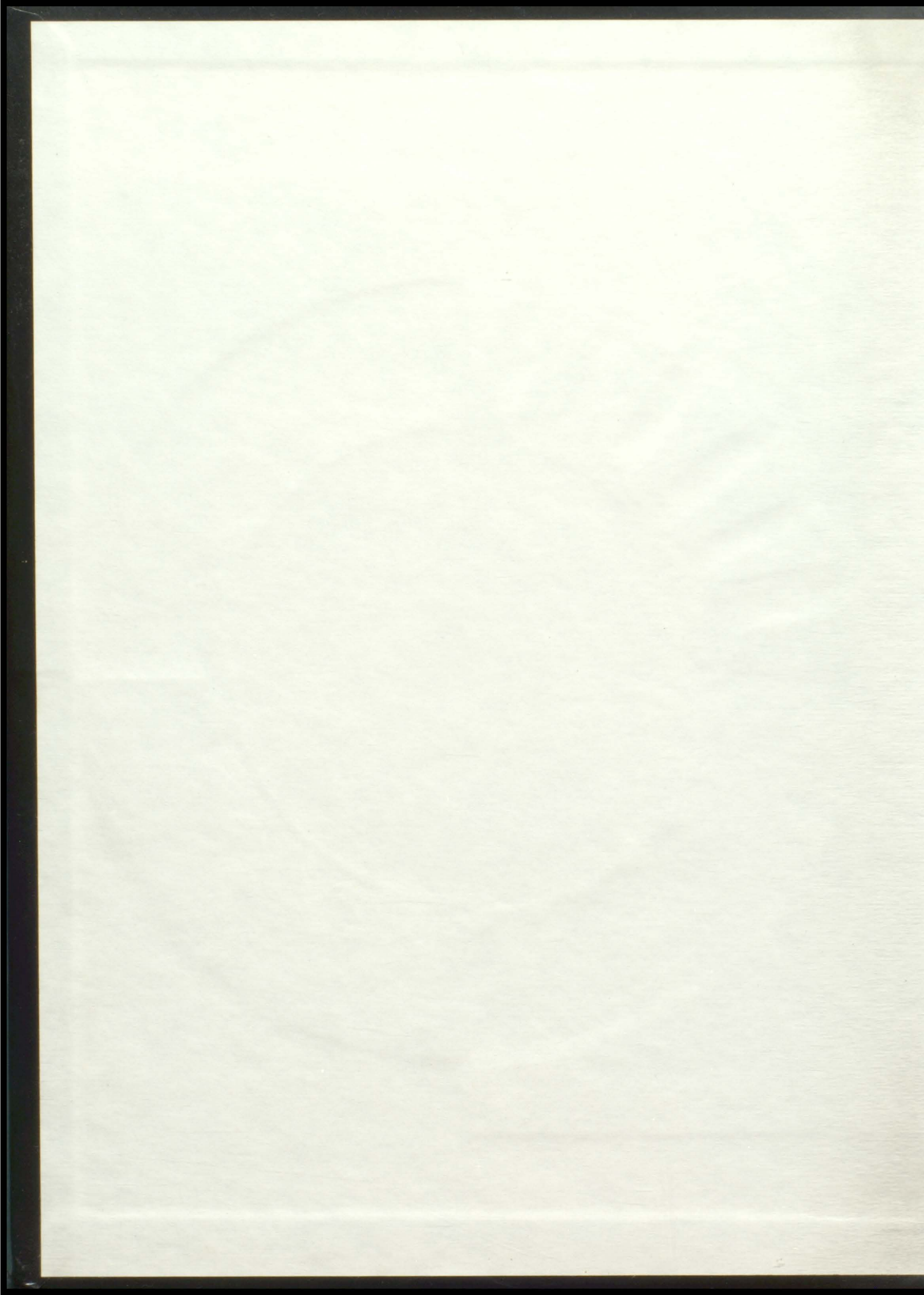


BEFORE I LET GO...







University High School

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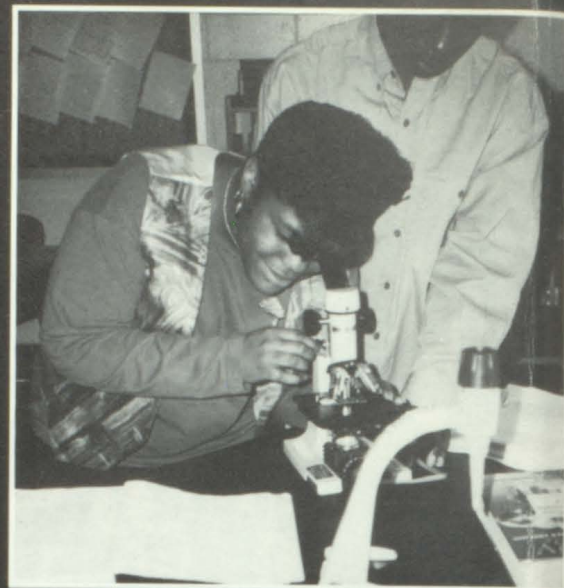
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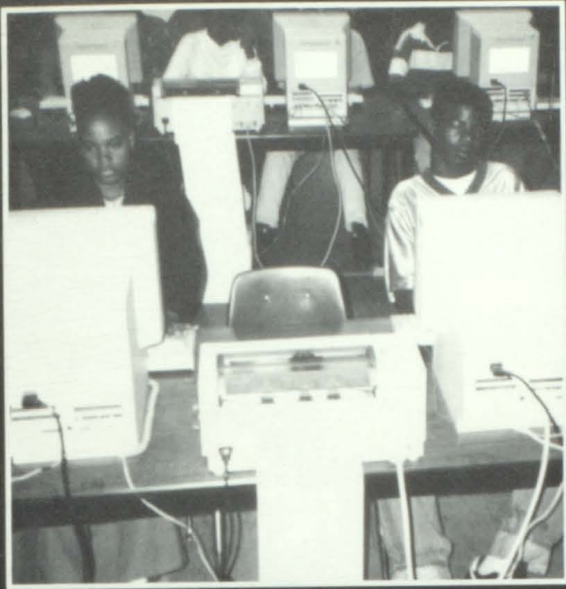


The Phoenix is a mythological bird which has the powers of resurrection and rebirth . The students at University High are aware of the challenges and pitfalls of today's world, yet they, like the mighty Phoenix will rise above to be the successes of tomorrow.

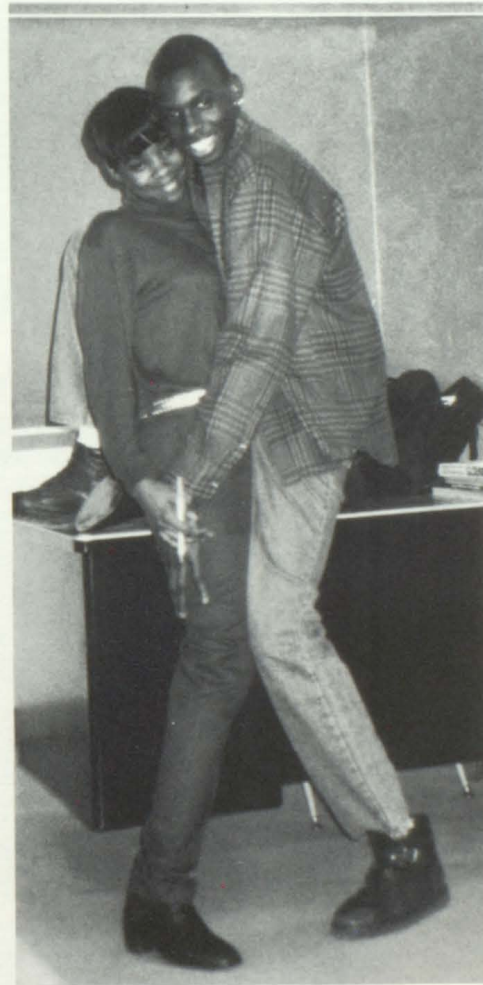
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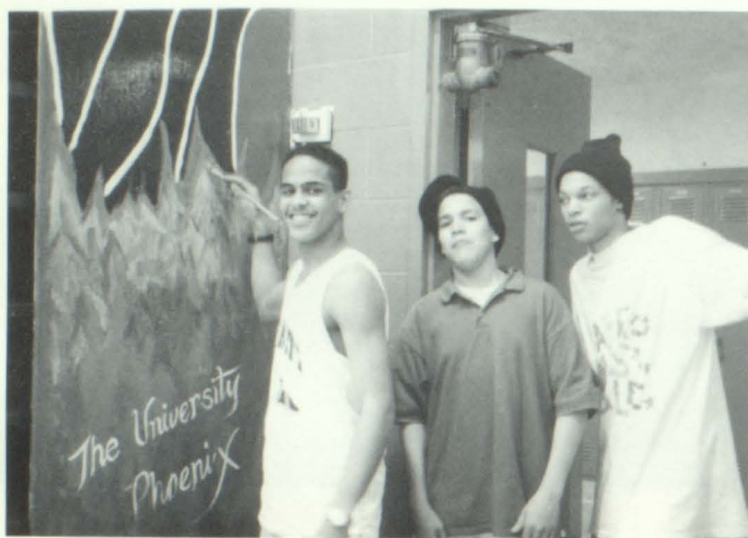
We the class of 1996 recognized our uniqueness the first time we gathered together and explored each others personalities. Not only did we have within our midst people of extreme intelligence and wit, we also had artists, poets, singers, rap-





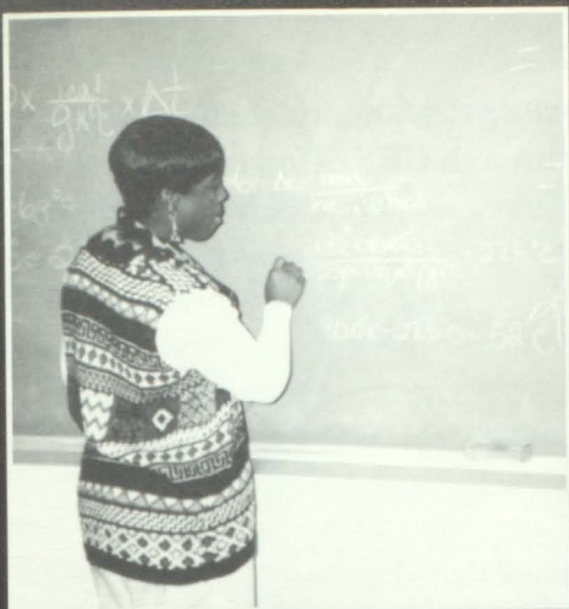
pers, comedians and a whole host of others destined for greatness. Anyone who has ever been around us can attest to the fact that we are one of the most amicable and sociable classes to grace the halls, classrooms, and facilities of University High School.





The theme of this yearbook is *Before I let Go*. We chose this theme because it invites the reader to enter into our world and relive our experiences in UHS through our eyes. We have had many memorable experiences here, some a little less pleasant than others, but we will remember them all and cherish them in our hearts forever. We are now ready to close this chapter of our lives and move on into the next segment of our saga.

However, we also realize that before we can progress into the present we must understand and



learn from our past. Before we let go to our UHS experience we want to remember and reflect upon our time spent here and use these memories to guide us in the future. We want to take one more look at our past four or six years at UHS and “*savor the flavor*”.

So as you flip through the pages of the Phoenix '96 yearbook, appreciate what you see and treasure the special moments. We will need courage and stamina to face what the future holds and the best time to get it is now...*Before We Let Go.*

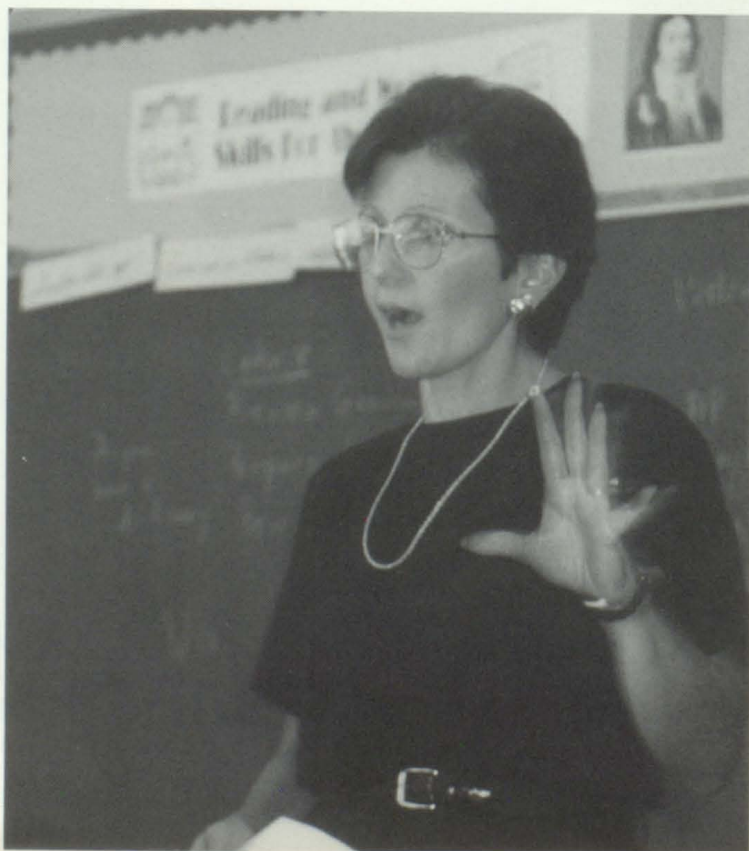


Faculty

Through the years, many students have passed through UHS. However, one stationary factor that one can always count on to be here in a time of need is the dedicated faculty who try to make UHS a productive learning environment. And although we have not always appreciated them at the time they imposed their will on us, we now understand how important learning and studying is.

We have overheard them laughing that they are now teaching the children of former students. And a few have been heard to say that they taught a faculty member. But they still have the same vigor, and the same exacting standards. We hope that they will be here for our children.

At this time the Class of '96 would like extend their sincerest thanks and extreme gratitude to the faculty and let them know that the memories we have of them will be etched in our hearts forever.



Doris Culver, Principal

Congratulations to the Class of 1996!



On bidding you farewell, we salute the stellar journey which represents the path of your high school years. Throughout those years, you've remained steadfast, determined and conscientious, in working toward the accomplishment of completing a college preparation high school diploma program. As a class, you've not just completed a college preparation program, you've done this exceedingly well, as reflected by overall academic achievements including numerous individual and group awards, commendations and other examples of excellence.

Now this journey guides all of you towards the next steps in the pursuit of excellence. But, like the start of your high school years, the next steps are just the continuation of a journey which, hopefully, will realize even more significant accomplishments in your life. With visions of such accomplishments, we know that this next phase conveys the promise of personal success for you, with possibilities for overall improvement in the quality of life for the community.

And so, your journey has great possibilities. Continue to remain steadfast, conscientious, and determined. Never lose focus on efforts to improve your community and our world. Remember always -- we believe in you.

Michael Daniels, Vice-Principal

Congratulations Class of 1996

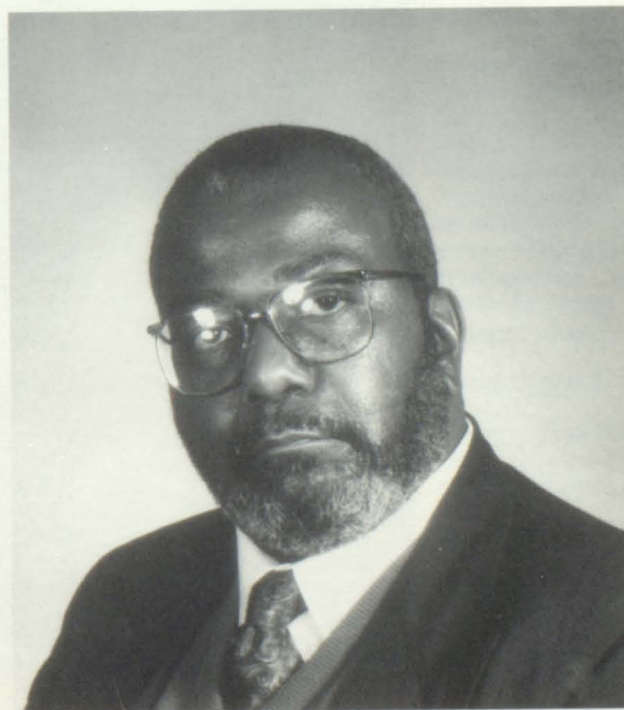
It is my pleasure to congratulate you on the occasion of your graduation from University High School. You are to be commended for your achievements and perseverance during the past four years.

Despite the turmoils and trials you may confront in your lives, the world is a wonderful place filled with opportunities. It is up to you to take advantage of your education.

Those of us at University High have made every attempt to prepare you for the challenges you may face. You are a hard-working group and I am confident in your capabilities. It has pleased me to see how you have grown.

Your contribution to this school will forever be etched in the halls and classrooms. I know you will do well in whatever endeavors you choose to follow.

Best wishes in all the wonderful years ahead. Remember to always follow your dreams.



Faculty and Staff

Beth Blackmon

Department Chair

George Brownlee

Athletic Director

Walter Kaczka

Department Chair

Joyce Moore

Guidance Head

Mary Wiggins

Department Chair



Mary Altieri

Physical Education

Beatrice Andrews

Gifted and Talented

Valerie Barnes

Physical Education

Grace Beaumont

Nurse

Juanda Boxley

Vocal Music



Carolyn Brochu

Gifted and Talented

James Brown

Computers & Math

Wilhemena Brown

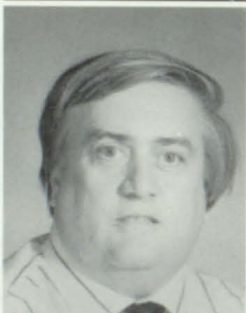
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Gloria Buck

Social Worker

Delores Burford

Office Aide



Queen Caldwell

Cafeteria

Jean Charles

French

Allan Cherulnik

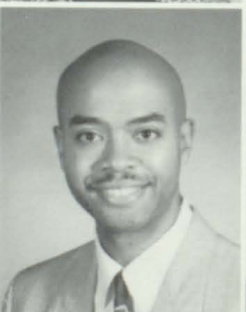
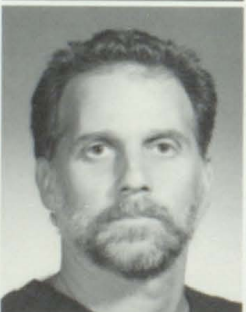
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Darnell Davis

Mathematics

Odessa Davis

Custodian



Paula Eckstein

Librarian

Teresa Edmonson

Gifted and Talented

Robert Friedank

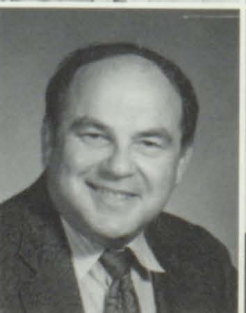
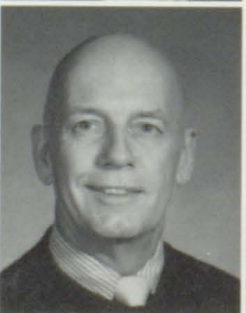
Sciences

Harold Friedman

Guidance

Samir Gandhi

Sciences



Before we let you go...

Words

of

Regard

Just as students remember their teachers, we asked six of our teachers to share their memories of us.



I'll always remember the countless hours preparing for the success of each member of the Class of '96: I'll remember the Geometry classes in which some students would have settled for a D, but soon realized that mediocrity would not be tolerated, and the students who came to know that the real meaning of Geometry was not in writing correct proofs, but rather in never giving up; and those students who realized that they would get Honors instruction, whether the class was called Honors or not. I salute the Class of '96.

Mr. Davis



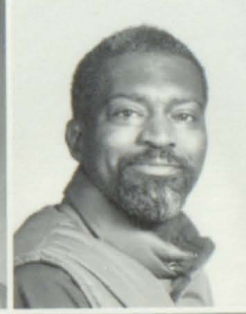
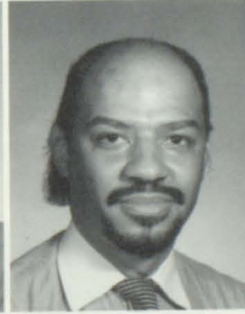
How can I "let go" of *Romeo and Juliet*, James Bond, Jr., "The Pompous Stuffed Shirt," Quo-tiz, the Xeroxed yearbook, "yo mama," the chips fiasco, and a thousand-and-one other remembrances. I will never forget the unity we had, whether it was during the loss of a class member's loved one, or the *Struggle* to bring Senior Night '95 together. So, "it's the laughter [I] will remember" before I let go.

Mrs. Howard



Remembered most about the Class of 1996 is their esprit de corps. This was "wonderfully" evident in their homeroom ritual witnessed over a three year period. Each morning, between homerooms, there were affectionate visitations with constant chatter, hearty laughter, and, in the hallway of course, the exchange of breakfast foods.

Ms. Mills-Ransome



Marie Gironda
English
Fannie Glover
Food Services
Bessie Hall
Office Aide
Robert Hankerson
Mathematics
Clifford Harris
Head Custodian



Gary Hayes
Special Education
Chian Hearn
Food Services
Sandra Hewett
Physical Education
Roseann Heyl
Mathematics
Marilyn Howard
English

Teaching and Serving

G. Barrington Jackson

Art

Susan Jackson

Senior Clerk

Victoria Jakubiak

Librarian

Gloria Johnson

Home Economics

Daisy Madison

Security



Alicia Mahon

Guidance

Lillie Maulsby

Head cook

Linda Melvin

Guidance Secretary

Joylette Mills-Ransom

Sciences

Zakiyyah Muhammad

Special Education



Valerie Noble

Guidance

Bernard Paulman

Child Study Team

Doris Pryor

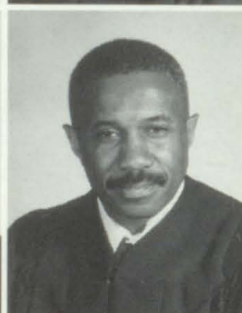
Clerk

John Ransome

Instrumental Music

Quetzy Rivera-Cruz

Spanish



Debra Rojy

Sciences

Betty Rutledge

Typing

Sandra Ryder

Attendance Counselor

Gwen Sanford

Special Education

Linda Sawyer

Food Services



Bashir Sharia

Custodian

Margaret Smith

Food Services

Joyce Stephenson

Special Education

Thomas Williams

Mathematics

Joan White

English





They are smiling now; but once the yearbook deadlines start to come, Wakeelah McLaughlin, Mrs. Jackson and Lauren McCoy will wear a different expression.



"Let me explain this in another way," Ms. Whitehurst and Carissa Ransom solving problems.

Before we let you go...

Words

to

Remember

Shared good times and memories with a few of the teachers who experienced high school with us.



I have many memories of the openness and sincerity of this class, except when Dane mentioned taking the milk and running, have impressed and surprised me. My fondest memory of the Class of 1996 is from the Big Brother/Big Sister program. No other class had such commitment. Before I let go, Congratulations to you all and don't let the stress get you!

Ms. Hewett



Now that we have covered all the bases and each of you has become an exponent of hard work, we will have a lot of humorous, but fruitful years on which to reminisce. Always remember our key motivational lines: "Write silently as I write aloud." "That's math. Anything else is not math!" and "Keep up with the writing." Because you were enamored by education, you have now been empowered by it. Lastly, remember the words of Henry Beecher: "It's not what we take up, but it's what you give up, that makes us rich. Love, Peace, Prosperity and Good Success.

Mr. Hankerson



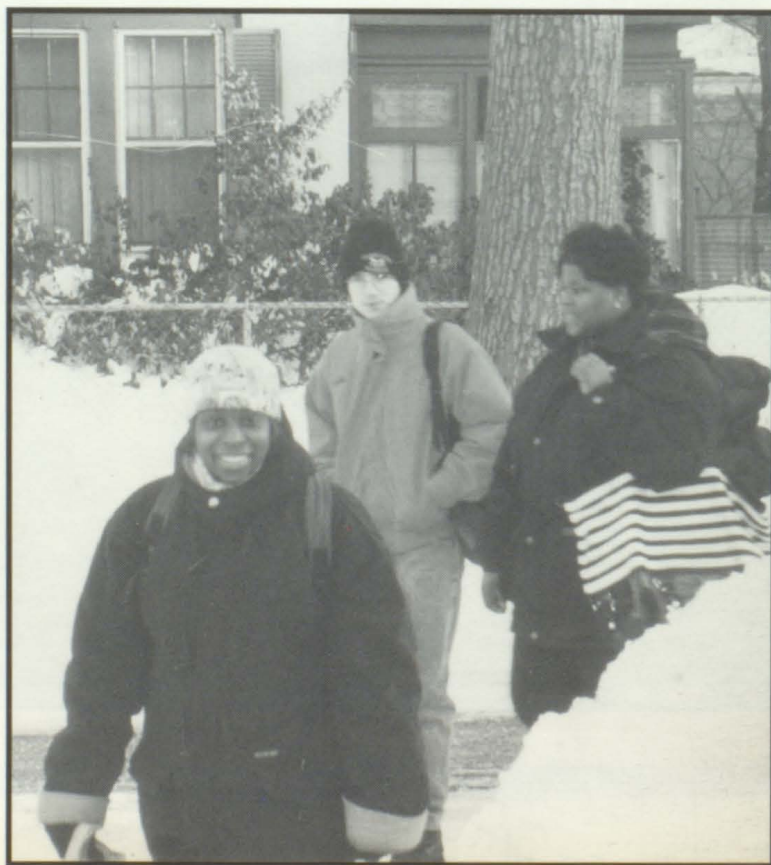
This fall my Law in Action students descended on my home to "prepare" for our first mock trial competition. At dark thirty in the morning, Lauren, Farrah, and Fatimah arrived and disrupted my sleep. The fearsome trio made me mix breakfast, in exchange for vacuuming the carpets. Many hours later, we heard sirens and loud music, the rest of the group had arrived. What we did was not work, the party lasted for approximately 5 1/2 hours. Fights started, food was smuggled out of my kitchen, and romances appeared to get started..

Ms. Gilmore

Underclassmen

One day you will be following in our footsteps as we now follow in the footsteps of the graduating classes who have come before us. When you reach this point, you will be full of excitement, fear, and most of all, anticipation. Enjoy your time here, don't wish that it will end quickly. It will anyway. We hope that you will remember us, see our ways to success and emulate them. Keep the mistakes we have made in mind when you are faced with new challenges. Try to leave your unique mark on UHS. In doing so, you will make yourselves, the Class of 1996, and the classes that preceded us, proud that you have continued the UHS tradition of developing leaders, entrepreneurs, and outstanding members of society.

Before we let go, we leave you our teachers, may they continue to both give you wisdom, and let you discover it for yourselves. We leave you our empty classrooms, fill them with questions and laughter. We leave you... University High School. We leave.



Class of 1997



Joy Allen



Tanisha Anderson



Doretha Armstead



Katherine Baptiste



Aquela Bell



Kelli Bell



Tyisha Bennett



Shakeerah Benthall



Aisha Blackwell



Shakira Bobbitt



Akilah Bowden



Sameerah Brenbow



Latysa Brown



Stacy Brown



Katina Buchanan



Jill Conyers



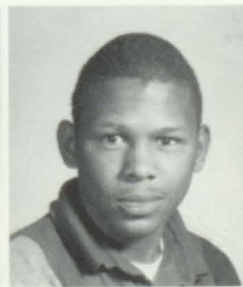
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Latesha Curry



Victor Dent



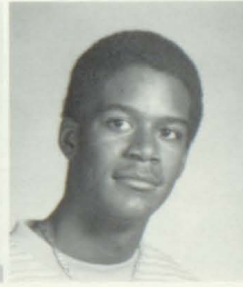
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Sharmaine Elam



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Elton Faltz



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Sergio Godinho



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Shennell Hardy

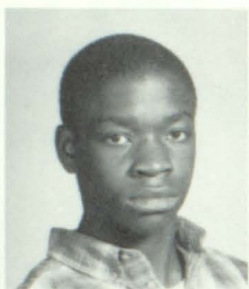


Qiana Hart

Class of 1997



Brendalyn Henry



Haile Henry



Ernest Hinton



Sabrina Horvath



Jerry Irving



Michael Ivery



Naikimah Jackson



Tia Jackson



Fatiyauh Jones



Sadira Jones



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Asia McMillan



Melinda Murphy



Nikkia Neal



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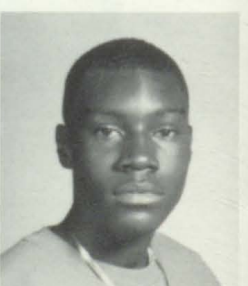
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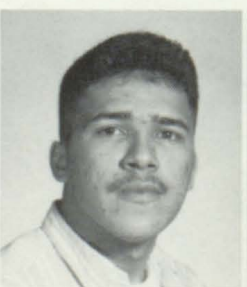
Anise Robinson



Tauheedah Robinson



Carlos Rodriguez



Gamaliel Rodriguez



Jennifer Rooks

Class of 1997

Before you let go, let me say:



Hajar Abdus Sabuur
President, Class of 1997

To the graduating class of 1996:

Your experiences at University High School have prepared you for the future. As seniors you have paved the way for the Class of 1997. We have learned from you and your actions. It is a true accomplishment that you have survived here at University High. The Class of 1997 will do our best to follow in your footsteps and pave the way for those who will follow us. I congratulate you and wish you luck in all your future endeavors.

Hajar Abudus-Sabuur
President, Class of 1996



Vincent Rosa



Taeyma Sapp



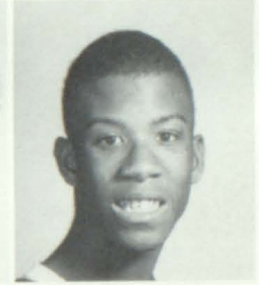
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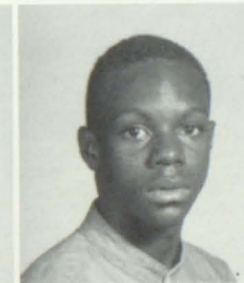
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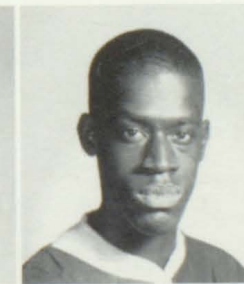
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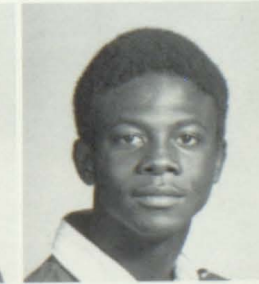
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Chanel Wilson



Baron Wright



Rasool Wright

AbdusSabuur - Wright

Class of 1998



Eugene Adams



Allison Alexander



Dena Alsobrook



Lucien Armour



Jonathan Barnes



Dana Bazile



Kiera Billings



Anthony Blaine



Kashif Booker



Stephanie Bowles



Nikeya Branch



Melody Caldwell



Sameerah Crawford



Aisha Delossantos



Koyan Dolopei



Colin Edmondson



Natasha Feliciano



Daime Flournoy



Angel Gordon



Nya Green



Darlissia Greenlee



Veronica Grimes



Nicholas Hannibal



Jamal Hendry



Douglas Hill



Kiana Howard



Ericca James



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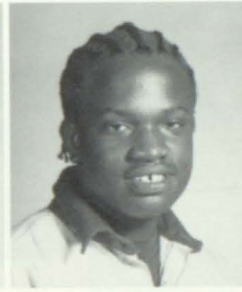
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Samar Neal



Lennard Parker



Tamika Peters



Dwight Phillips



Jamar Poole



Shakiya Prentice



Armando Quinones



Tyheria Reeds



Eric Richardson



Aaron White



Kelly Williams



Mushwanda Willis

Last Minute College Application Rush

"Can I please have my recommendations, I needed them like yesterday?! Why didn't you tell me my applications had to be done in black ink before I finished all ten of them?! Why do I have to give up my lunch period? Couldn't they have come during your lunch period? What do you mean this application is due today, you're giving it to me now at 1:30!! I'm sorry sir, but I mailed it off yesterday, maybe you didn't get it because of the snow..." These are just some of the many phrases I uttered countless times in my rush to complete college applications. This was one of the most trying periods in my life and I'm glad *it's over!*



Class of 1999



PARALYZING BLIZZARD OF 1996

It was described as the most powerful storm of the century, dumping more than two feet of snow on our city, and closing schools for three consecutive days.

What was the worst thing about this storm for you ?

Getting snowed in without a computer, and needing to type-up essays for college.

Katrina Tolbert

I was bored half to death and couldn't get to play in the snow, because it came up all the way up to my arm pits. Then my Mom sent me to the store for bread and milk, but there were none to be found.

Nikkia Harris

I am worried about the school year being extended, and not graduating on time.

Otiz Porter

I shoveled and shoveled, and when I was done, a snowplow came and dumped more snow into the drive way.

Aaliya Jackson

I wasn't able meet with my guidance counsellor to talk about college applications

Waddiyah Perry



Otis Anderson



Wilner Bardett



Jayda Bowden



Christine Brown



Jeffrey Bryant



Qimman Burgess



Naimah Campbell



Nichole Carey



Shadee Colwell



Keane Cyrus



Tyrone Davidson



Shakeerah Davis



Jason Denard



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Natasha Dyer



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Abra Everett



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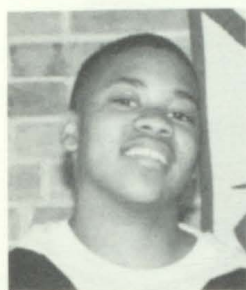
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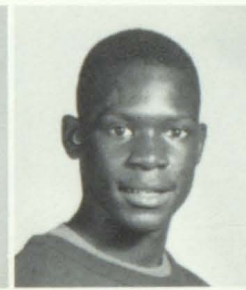
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Michelle Hardy



Zandra Haywood



Kaleef Henderson



Natasha Hill



Ida Irving



Shawn Jackman



April Johnson



Simone Johnson



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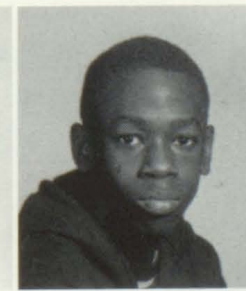
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Tommy Patterson



Terry Perry



Karry Paterson



Melissa Rivera

Class of 1999



April Santiago



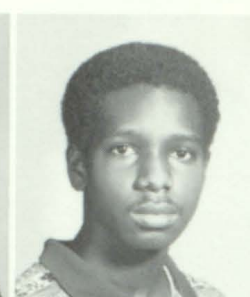
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Ken Simons



Julia Singleton



Wilton Smith



Jennifer Spencer



Aquilah Suber



Tashera Taliaferro



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Channel Way



Yasmeen Weems



Jamie Zeno

Gifted and Talented

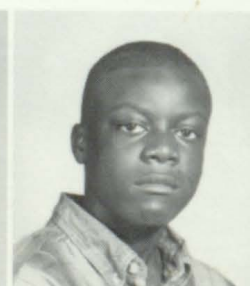
Seventh Grade



Kevin Adams



Liliana Amaro



Rajon Armour



Vanessa Barker



Melissa Barnes



Daaiman Bernabela



James Bowe



Shameka Brantley

Gifted and Talented - Seventh Grade



Tristan Brooks



Ashley Brown



Billie Brown



Leroy Brown



Eunice Busby



Ghalib Choudhury



William Cooper



Atrisha Corbett



Radee Covington



Unique Crowley



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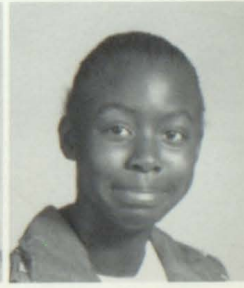
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Christian Lewis



Valerie Louissaint



Tiffany Lowery



Redha Maharaj



Charles Marchan



Chavonne McCray



Al-Nela McLeod



Sara Miller



Janel Moody



Maurice Moore



Jessie Nassur



Jimmy Nazaire



Salahudeen Norman



Natalyah Parker



Taryn Paylor



Devin Peacock



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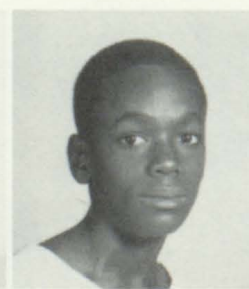
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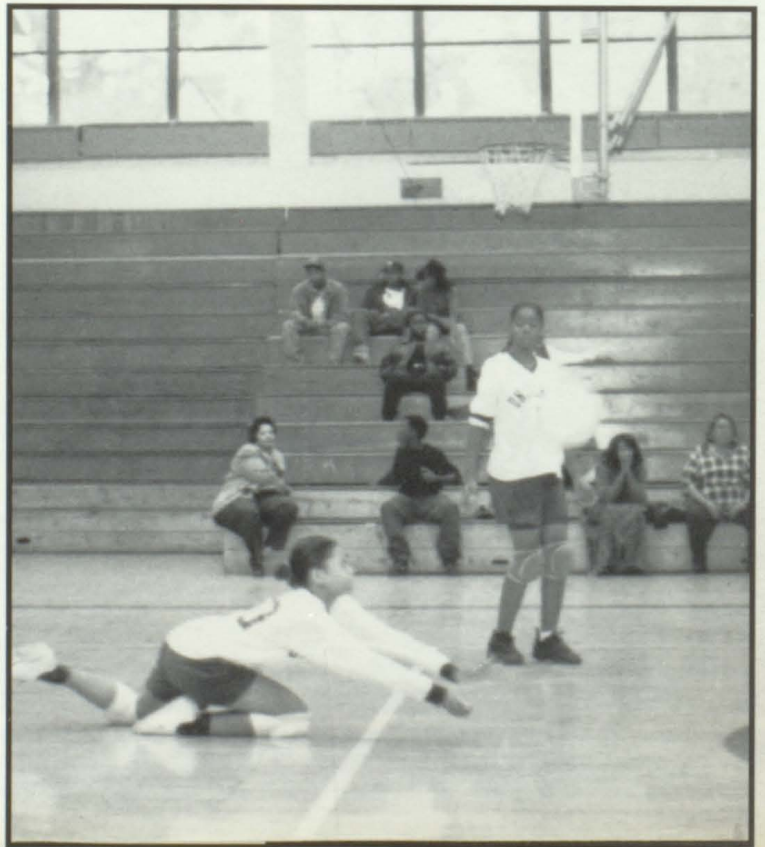


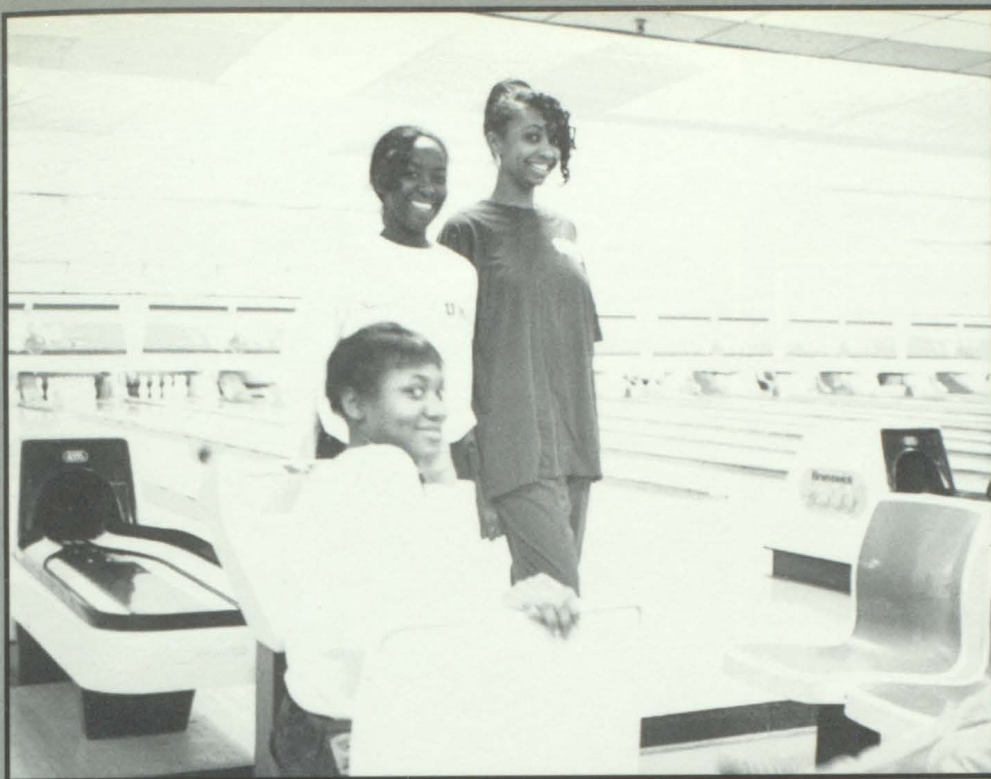
Eyes of the Phoenix



Sports

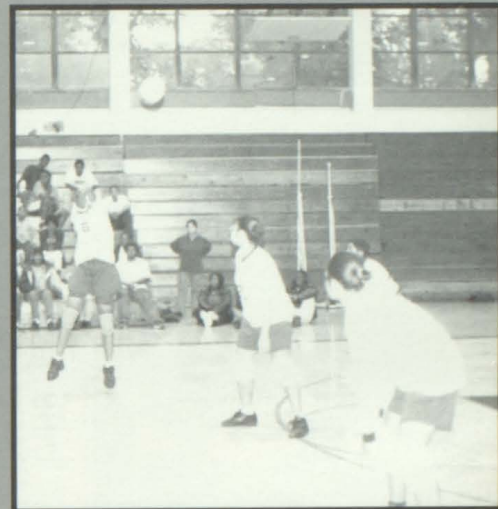
At University there has always been an overwhelming presence of school spirit in all aspects of student life, primarily in the area of sports. Sports seem to bring out the best in all of us by appealing to our sense of competition, team work, and camaraderie. More importantly, it provides an outlet for the stress associated with life here at University. For these reasons University offers a variety of sports such as basketball, baseball, softball, tennis, bowling, volleyball, and track in which our students may participate. As seasons come and go participation increases and the teams improve. For example, this year our girls basketball team, who have always been in the shadow of our celebrated boys team, has had a terrific season and made it to the state finals. The senior class is proud of all our sports teams and is proud we have made a significant contribution. We would like to congratulate Naritha Richards, Latina Crenshaw, Katrina Stubbs, Thomasina Patterson, and Lydelle King for participating in sports at UHS for six long years.





Katrina, Thomasina and Brendalyn -
 "All smiles, no strikes."

"Isn't the object of the game to
 get the ball over the net?"



Field of Dreams

The students at UHS have an awesome task. They are not only expected to excel academically, they must also be able to perform well on the playing fields. We try hard to put our best foot forward in a variety of sports and as all can see, the payoffs and playoffs are great!!

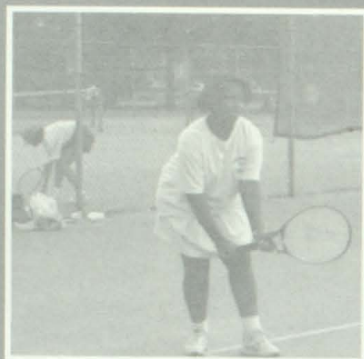


"Attention students, ice cream sundaes in the cafeteria! Buy one get one free!"

"Did she just say get ready for gym?" T. Robinson on the bleachers.

Latina and Lydelle practicing their poses for a future cover of Sports Illustrated.

Naritha putting on her game stance.

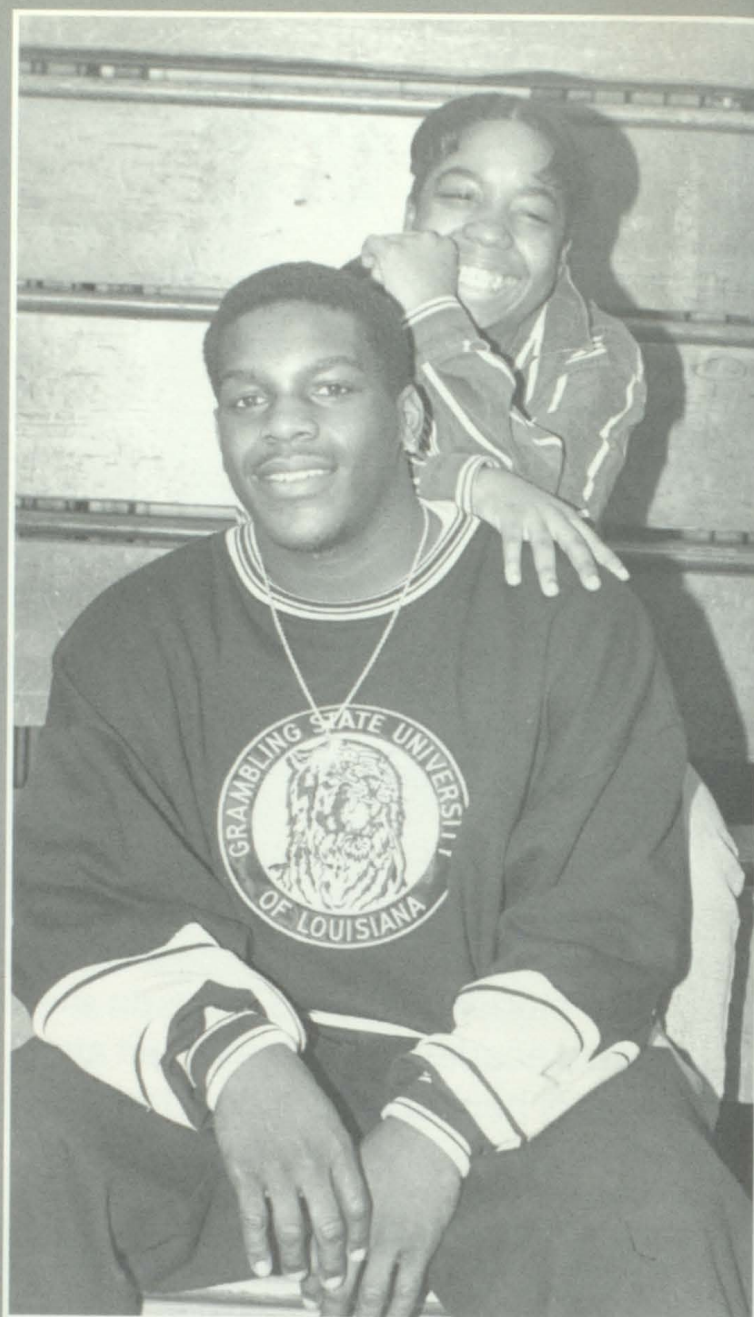


Girls' Tennis Team looking spiffy in their new uniforms.



Melody and Danielle relaxing by the side lines.

"We will, We will Rock You" UHS pep squad's got it together!



Girls Basketball



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School	Date
Science	Dec. 15
Whippany Pk	Dec. 19
Bloomfld Tch	Dec. 20
Verona	Jan. 3
Newark Acd.	Jan. 5
Montc. Kim.	Jan. 9
Pingry	Jan. 12
Mt. Lakes	Jan. 16
Newark Tech.	Jan. 17
Glen Ridge	Jan. 19
Chatham	Jan. 22
Mont. Imm	Jan. 26
Kinnelon	Jan. 30
Eastside (Ptt)	Feb. 1
Arts	Feb. 6
Bernards	Feb. 7
Cedar Grove	Feb. 9
Bayley Ellard	Feb. 13



Senior
Latina Crenshaw



Senior
Kimberly Tolbert

Anise, Tyesha and Genique representing the UHS Girls' B-Ball Team.

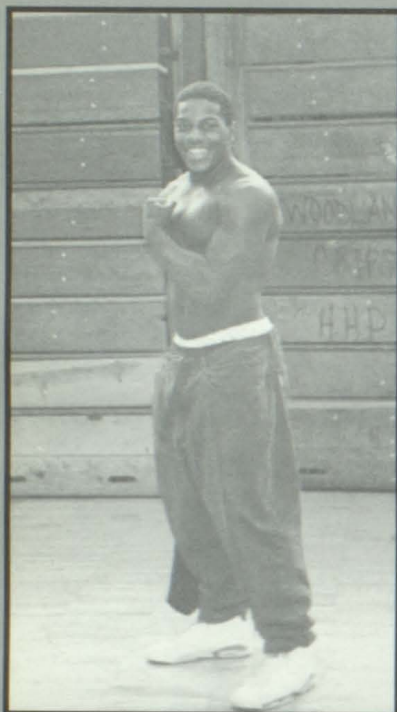


Johanna and Sideequah chillin' on the side lines at a game.

"Can't tie her down." Anise gets back in the game with Genique's help.



Fabio?? We don't think so!!
Just Lydelle trying hard.



Boys Basketball

School	Date
Science	Dec. 15
J. C. Prep.	Dec. 18
Whippany Pk	Dec. 19
Verona	Jan. 3
Newark Acd.	Jan. 5
Mtcl Kim.	Jan. 9
Belleville	Jan. 11
Pingry Acd.	Jan. 12
Mount'n Lks	Jan. 16
J. C. Prep.	Jan. 18
Glen Ridge	Jan. 19
Chatham	Jan. 22
Mtcl. Imm	Jan. 26
Kinnelon.	Jan. 30
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Boys team displaying full speed, stamina and action.

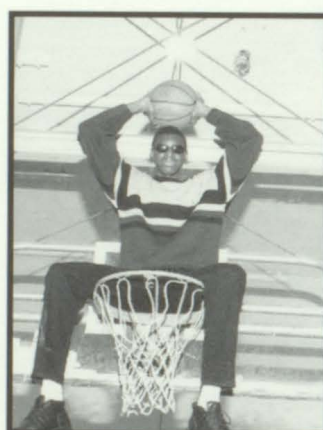
The basketball team under the firm leadership of Coach Doerst has had an awesome season. The team will long remember the joy, the agonies and the laughter they shared. They will also remember the advice they were give "Go out there, and play like greased lightning



Senior
Rashon Keith



Senior
Todd Milledge



Senior
Otiz Porter



Senior
Lydelle King



Todd breaking in his new "Air Milledges."

Practice makes perfect. Boys B-Ball whipping it into shape.





Coach Miss Hewett with the Volleyball Team.



Ms. Jones and Mrs. Noble express their delight over the Volleyball team's victorious season.



Cheerleaders all in a row: Getting ready to strut their stuff.

Volleyball team, regrouping and getting ready for the next set.



Karla tries to save the ball with a sliding bunt.



Power People: Parent, Pupil and Principal in a PowWow: Mrs. Faluke, her daughter Remy and Mrs. Culver.



Measuring the circumference of the Earth, seventh graders get down and dirty.

State Superintendent Dr. Hall conferring with K. Pope at the Math Olympics, calculus competition.



Candid's Around the Town



Showing off their proud smiles and trophies. Calculus Team consists of S. Scarborough, H. Henry, T. Bennett, M. Stevens and K. Furr and K. Pope. Coached by Mr. F. Fahmy. Joining the celebration was Mrs. M. Bolden.



Audience joins in the dancing during the Ethnic Awareness club's festivities

Gifted and Talented

We are the 7th and 8th grade students of the Gifted and Talented Class at University High School. We were selected and admitted into this class because each of us has demonstrated the potential to grow and develop in an intense and challenging environment geared toward preparing us for success in high school.

Our teachers offer us a chance to explore new ideas and research old ones using alternative methods that are rewarding academically, socially and culturally. We also are offered the opportunity to study advanced courses in subjects such as algebra, English and foreign languages.

Most of us choose to remain here beyond eighth-grade graduation because being here is like being a part of a nurturing family - the University High School family.



Unity

We are the *Gifted and Talented 8th Grade* Class of University High School. In this section, we *will* share our precious memories of our last year in elementary school. We hope you like it.

These last two years have been kind of rough for us. It took us a while to adjust, but most of us made it. The rest didn't. So those of us left standing, we have to *bind together in unity*.

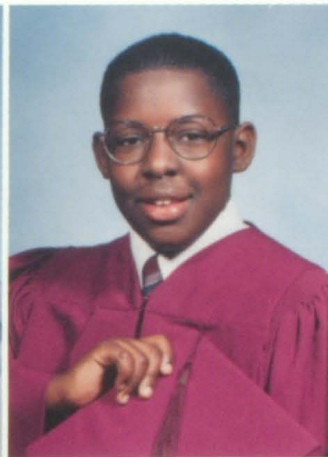
At the beginning, we were divided, but in the end we came together where we still remain. Through trials and tribulations, we have always helped each other. Even though we will be split up during our high school years, we will *always* be together *in our hearts*.

"Divisez, nous sommes tombons; uni nous debouts."
United we stand, divided we fall.

Abu-Bakr- Brooks



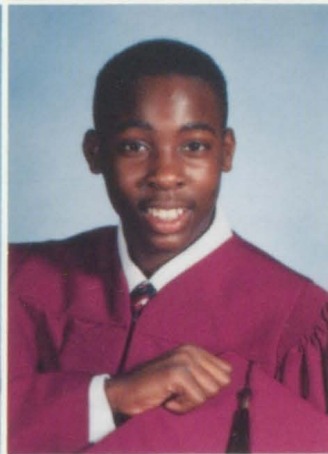
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Keona Bragg



Angela Branch
Waleeah Brooks



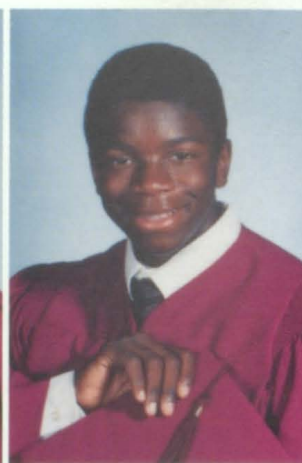
Choudhury - Mc Cullers

Nazia Choudhury

Mshangwe
Crawford

Anthony Fearon

Kevin Feaster



Nicole Freeman

Angela Giddings

Angelissa Grimes

Fantisha Harris



Jasmine
Hemmingway

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Saffiyah Hosein

Crystal Kolden



Shakeerah Lockhart

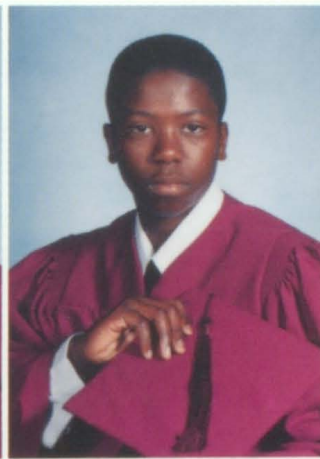
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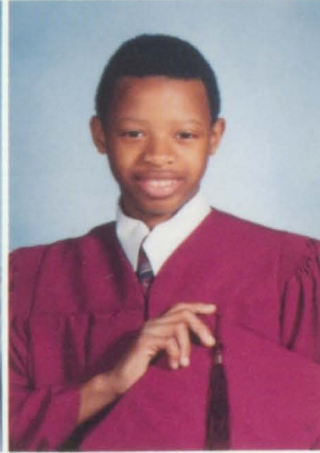


Felicia McKoy

Erica Moore

Troy Mullins

Quadire Neal



Jason Neils

Lesley Nelson

Adaeze
Nwachukwu

Kalil O'Neal



Aliyah Patterson

Julissa Perez

Qiana Plummer

Francina Radford



Enid Ramos

Carrissa Ransom

Corinne Rivers

LaToya
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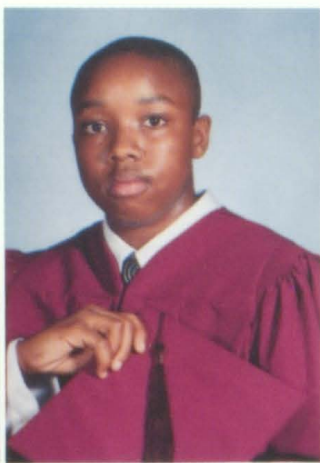
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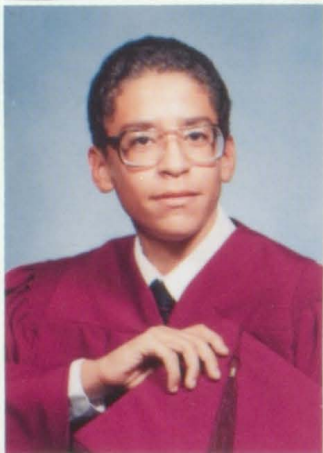
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Luis Velez



Angela Vieira



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Fatimah Winbush



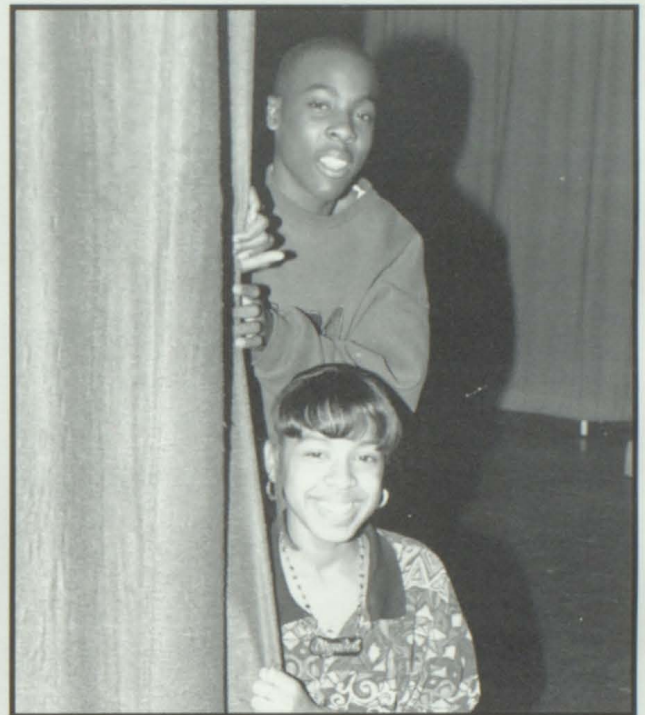
The Gifted and Talented Class of 1996

We're on top....



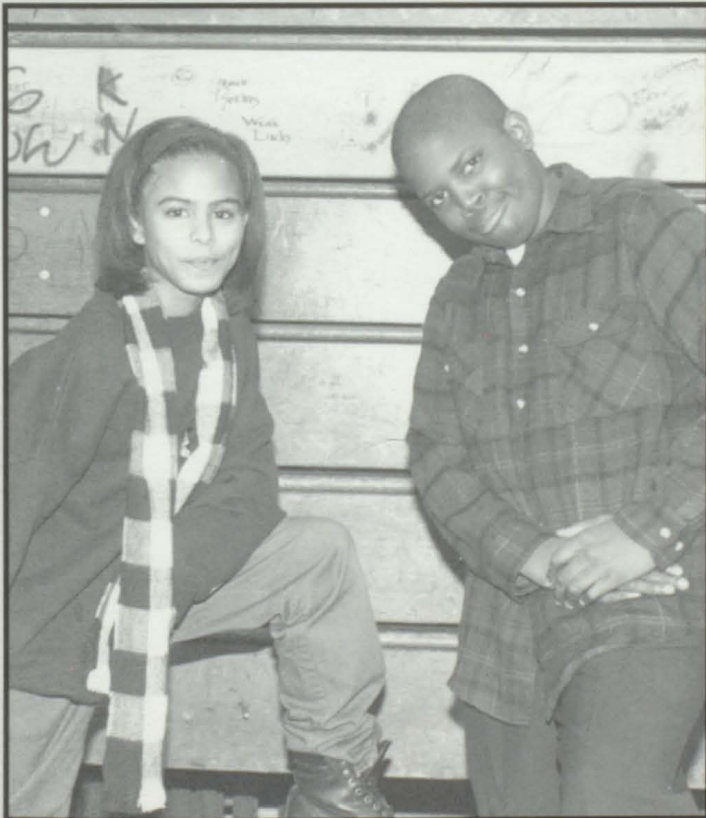
Little Angels

Khristopher Seals and Nazia Choudhury



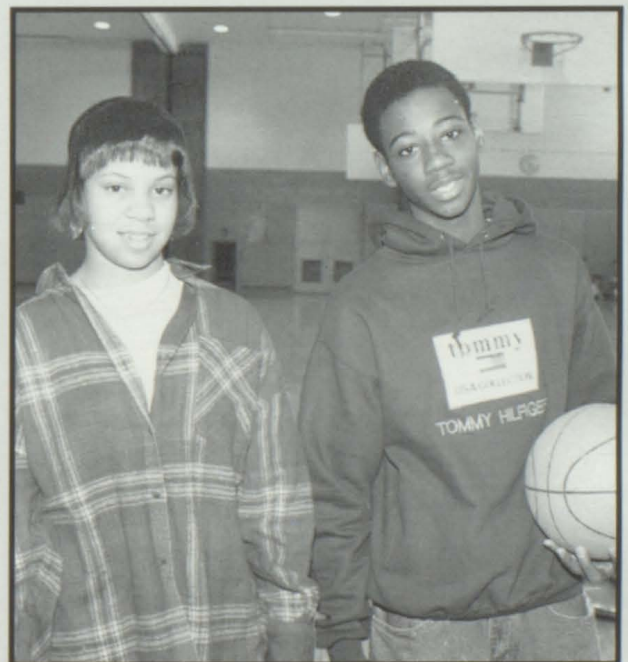
Sly Guys

Bjorn Bernard and Crystal Kolden



Hyperactive

Juddy Lora and Daniel Wilson



Most Athletic

Anthony Fearon and Corinne Rivers



Weirdest Dressed
Waleedah Brooks and Kalil o'Neal



Silent Treatment
Kristopher Seals and Felicia McCoy



Best Dressed
Shakeerah Lockhart and Quadire Neal



Quickest to Smile
Julissa Perez

We're what's hot....



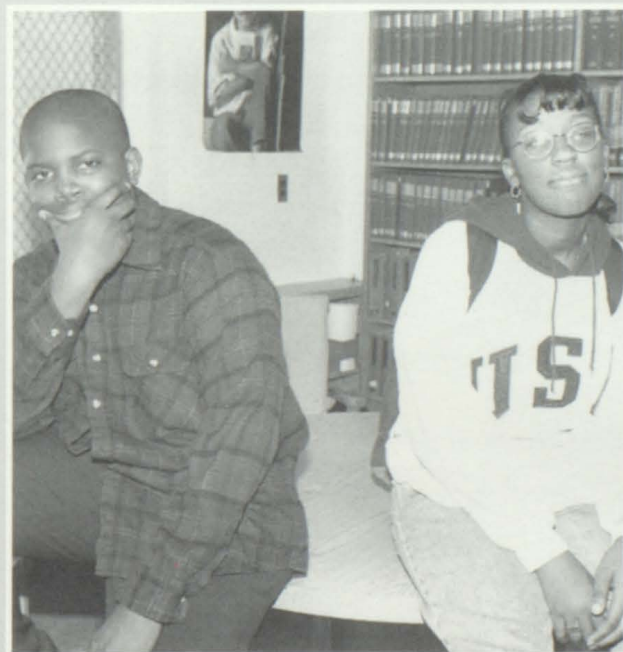
Junior Comedians
Felton Vaughn and Latoya Robinson



Most Opinionated
Krystle Massey and Mshangwe Crawford



Intellectually Inclined
April Sutton and Luis Velez



Spaced Out
Jasmine Hemmingway and Daniel Wilson



Chatterboxes
Ajina Abu-Bakr and Ramar Begon

The Gifted and Talented Last Will and Testament

Class leaves to teachers

- Mr. Moore** - a life support for Elmo.
- Mrs. Heyl** - Enough calculators for all her students
- Ms. Johnson** - Computerized sewing machines
- Mrs. Boxley** - Students with musical abilities
- Mr. Brown** - printers that work.

Legacies from Our Teachers

- Ms. Howard** - grace and success to the whole eighth grade class
- Mr. Thomas** - my prayers, because they are going to need it
- Mr. Gandhi** - a realization of truth
- Ms. Hewett** - Gym Suits
- Ms. Barnes** - Discipline
- Mr. Charles** - a maturity pill
- Mrs. Andrews** - A five paragraph essay with five sentences each; and many blessings.
- Ms. Jones** - Devotion to your homes and communities
- Ms. Whitehurst** - Futuristic calculators
- Ms. Gironda** - An endless search for knowledge
- Ms. Edmonson** - Detention free lunches
- Mrs. Heyl** - I leave a big chocolate kiss to the sweetest kids I know.

Projections

In 20 years we're going to be...

Doctors

Ajina Abu-Bakr - a married neurosurgeon making \$68,000 a year and living in a mansion.
Ramar Begon - a respected neurosurgeon who is seven years away from owning my own surgical clinic.

Keona Bragg - a married neurosurgeon with twins.

Angela Branch - a pediatrician making roughly a billion dollars a year, living in a mansion, and owning solar and electrical powered cars in all baby colors.

Nazia Choudhury - a married neurosurgeon

Crystal Kolden - A successful pediatrician, earning \$1,000,000 a year, with one child.

Jasmine Hemmingway - A successful pediatrician or an obstetrician.

Felicia McCoy - A successful pediatrician.

Saffiyah Hossien - a pediatrician

Shakeerah Lockhart - a pediatrician, earning billions a week with one child, 3 cars and a mansion.

Juddy Lora - a pediatrician

Lesley Nelson - a general practitioner

pediatrician, 2 kids married and living in Florida

Adaze Nwachukwu - a pediatrician

Angelissa Grimes - A successful cardiologist.

Olana Plummer - a journalist or medical doctor.

Sarwat Samreen - a wealthy neurosurgeon.

Brehta Taborn - a cardiologist

Fatimah Wimbush - a teacher or a pediatrician

April Sutton - a married neurosurgeon or lawyer with my own home, two children, and three cars.

Computer & Information Scientists

Sharan Bell - a married computer technician living in Society Hill owning my own computer business.

Waleeah Brooks - a married vice president of IBM making \$55,000 a year with three kids.

Mshangwe Crawford - a computer technician.

Danielle Henderson - A successful computer engineer for IBM, earning \$150,000 a year.

Julissa Perez - A computer engineer

Erica Moore - A computer engineer

Felton Vaughn - a computer programmer who is head of SEGA, AMZ Division

Athletes

Bjorn Bernard - retiring from the NBA and starting my own business

Anthony Fearon - in the NBA playing for the Chicago Bulls winning six MVP trophies, the player of the year and greatest player award.

Kali O'Neal - the best football player of the year playing for the Dallas Cowboys

Luis Velez - an all-time rushing and receiving leader in the NFL playing for the Dallas Cowboys.

Lawyers

Prunella Booker - a civil lawyer working for a well-known law firm making \$20,000 a year.

Allen McCullers - Will own a law firm.

Aliyah Patterson - a lawyer making mad loot like Johnny Cochrane.

Corinne Rivers - a supreme court justice.

Angela Vieira - a well-known criminal lawyer or a rapper.

A Mixed Bag

Kevin Feaster - a billion dollar industrialist

Angela Giddings - A scientist working for 75,000 a year with two sets of twins.

Fatisha Harris - First woman president of the US

Francina Radford - Cowboy.

Enid Ramos - a business woman with my own business.

Carrisa Ransome - a famous actress.

Veronica SanMartin - a well known fashion designer.

The Future is Unclear

Troy Mullins

Quadire Neal

Jason Neils

Nicole Freeman

Latoya Robinson

Kristopher Seals

Zahir Sowell

Missing in Action



Taejohn Whitehurst

Amber Ellison

Karla Castro

Janita Obie

Damian Williams

Derek Smith

Curtia Orr

Stephany Mejia

Sjockita McCrary

Kaia Shird

Qiana Baker

Michael Army

We started the Gifted & Talented Program in seventh grade with 59 students. Along the way we lost several members. Some chose to leave, others had that decision made for them. Some transferred to other schools in the district, and some were told they must transfer to other schools in the city. Some moved out-of-state with their families. We miss them all, and wish them luck wherever they might be.

Candid, candid, candid



"Why can't we eat our lunch in peace? I'm trying to be nice!" C. Ransom and F. Harris.

"All together now!" A. Abu Bakr, R. Begon, Q. Neal, L. Velez, and J. Hemmingway and A. Patterson.

"Why can't we get together and show some teeth?" C. Ransom, C. Kolden, and A. Patterson.

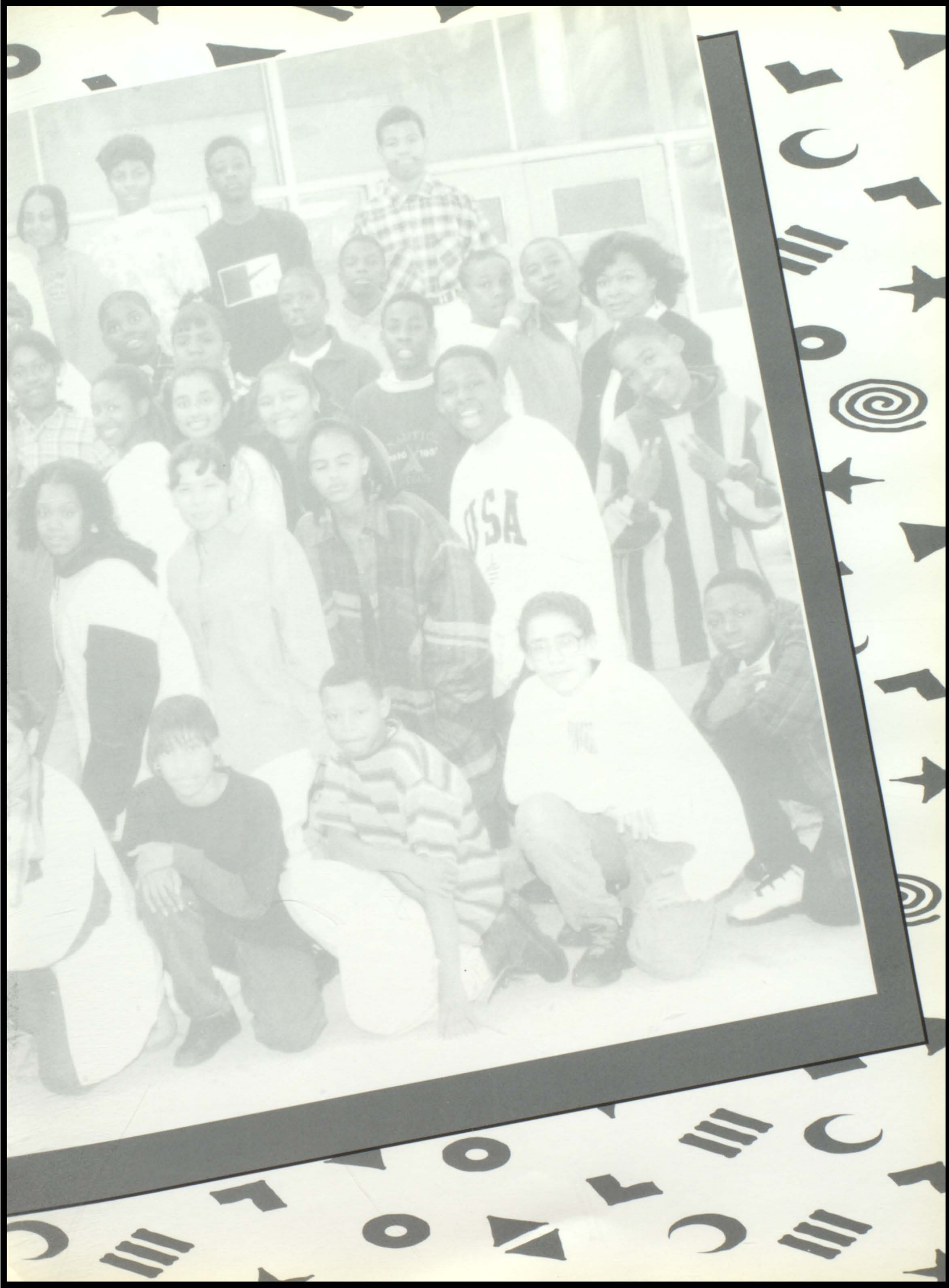
Shanks and Smiths, together once again. B. Bernard, Z. Sowell, Q. Neal and A. Fearon.



"We all would like to know what you have for lunch, Danielle." K. Massey, A. Viera, D. Henderson.

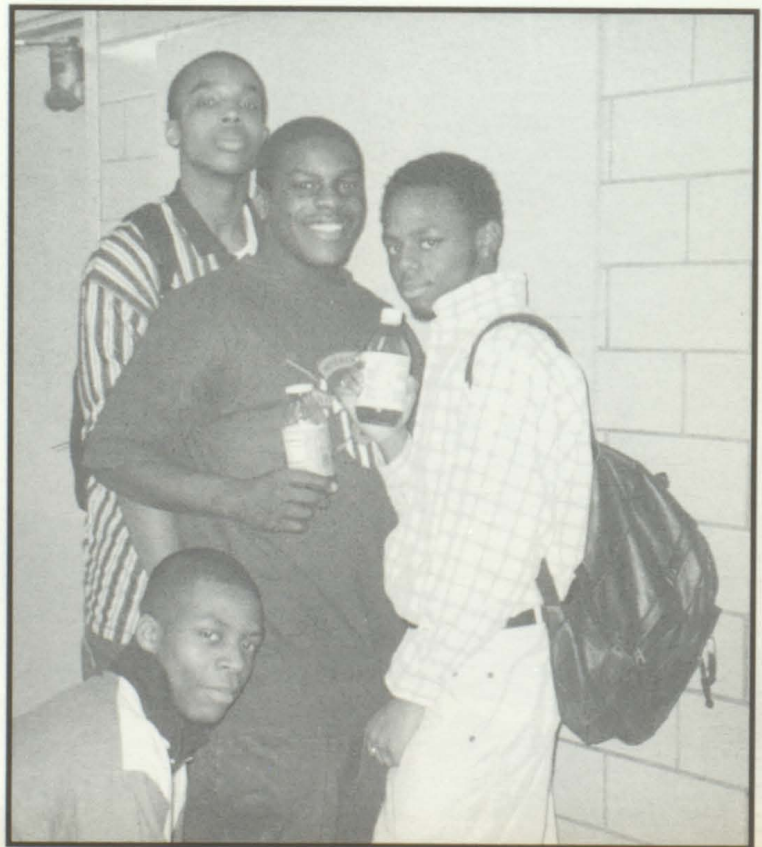
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Activities

To create a well-rounded student, a variety of extra-curricular activities must be provided. The activities should appeal to the intellectual, as well as to the light-hearted, to the practical as well as to the whimsical, to the thinker and the doer. Here at UHS, we have indulged in a plethora of activities that have been just as important in our lives as our academics. We believe that through activities outside of class, we have been encouraged to expand our horizons and explore all possible options. It is through participation in extra curricular activities that we learn to take responsibility for a project or a segment of a project. We learn to work as a team. We learn to take a task and see it through to completion, and in so doing learn the immense satisfaction of a job well done. It is also through the extra-curricular activities that we find our friends. So in essence, it is not just the "book knowledge" we value, but also the experiences and friendships that we have gained through extra-curricular activities that we will treasure for the rest of our lives.



Seniors N. Harris and F. Provillon proudly display UHS charter for the National Forensics League.

Best Looking



Todd Milledge, Wadeah Terry, Tanisha Jackson and Lydelle King.

Cream of the Crop

Here are the strong academic and outspoken leaders of University High. They successfully represent the students of UHS in various seminars, workshops, and competitions throughout the city and state. **Go Phoenix!!!**



Student Leadership Group

L. McCoy, F. Provillon, H. Abdus-Sabuur. Advisor: Mrs. M. Howard.



National Honor Society

S. Scarborough, T. Sapp, M. Stevens, K. Furr, K. Buchanan, L. Haywood. Advisor: Ms. Mills-Ransome.

Words from the Wise

These students, the literary core of UHS, have won many awards and have been recognized for their outstanding accomplishments. Their works reflect their firm belief that "*The pen is mightier than the sword.*"



"Just kickin'." Seniors take a minute to chill and strike a pose.

Sweetest



Robert Bryan, Nikia Harris, Stacy Williams, Fatimah Provillon



Phoenix Yearbook

L. Haywood, N. Mensah, L. McCoy, O. Porter, S. Llanos, S. Carter, Y. Green, N. Richards, T. Jackson, W. McLaughlin. Not pictured: F. Clarke. Advisors: Mrs. G. Barrington Jackson, Mrs. Eckstein.



The Kaleidoscope

S. Llanos, D. Armstead, K. Pope, B. Henry, D. Alsobrook, S. Brown, S. Parker, H. Abdus-Sabuur, A. Bell, S. Benthall. Advisor: Mrs. C. Brochu.



While working on her masterpiece future artist Y. Weems discovers the *fun* of papier mache.

Clumsiest



Gladys Mc Henry, Rashann Keith,
Yasmin Green, Paul Sweatte

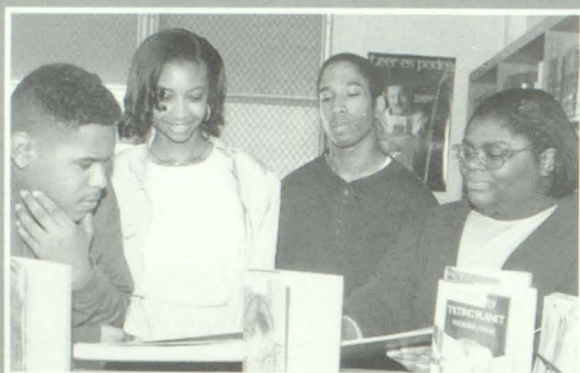
Phoenix Flame

N. Richards, S. Llanos, R. Bryan, L. Haywood, L. McCoy, P. Sweatte, N. Harris, K. Stubbs. Not pictured: F. Clarke. Advisor: Mrs. M. Howard.

Gifted and Talented Yearbook

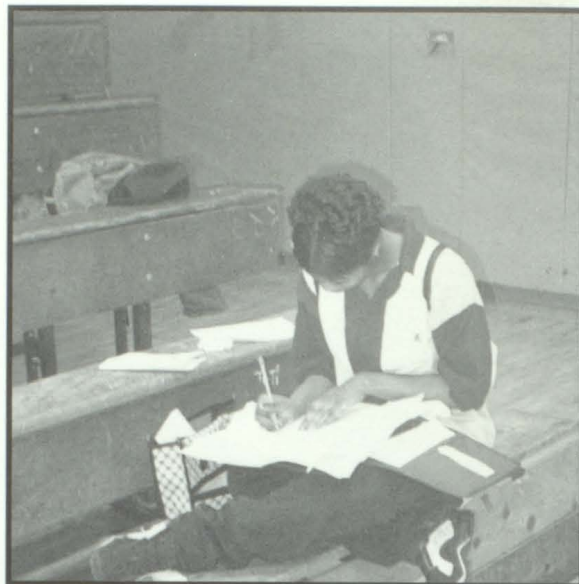
W. Brooks, M. Crawford, A. Nwuchocku, C. Massey and K. Kolden.
Advisors: Mrs. G. Barrington Jackson and Mrs. P. Eckstein.

Most Studious



Robert Bryan ,Katrina Stubbs, Paul Sweatte,
Lauren Mc Coy

"See, some students do complete their work...even if it is 2 minutes before class begins!" R. Johnson going for the A.



L. Vasquez and friend are happy to be remembered with candy-grams on Valentine's Day.



Seniors preparing for the biggest event of the year - The Fashion Show. But it had to be postponed due to yet another snowstorm.



Lincoln Douglas Debate

T. Harris, S. Prentice, A. Bell, S. Searcy, F. Provillon, T. Sapp, L. Guilford, K. Peynado, D. Bazile, S. Justice, N. Harris. Advisor: Mrs. M. Gironda



Speech Forensics

D. Bazile, A. Wilson, N. Harris, N. Kalimah, F. Provillon, K. Peynado, S. Justice. Advisor: Mrs. J. White.

Academically Speaking

Loquacious, bodacious, and ostentatious...these words can sometimes be used to describe our talented teens. The students featured on this page have traveled all over the state winning trophies, plaques and recognition as the most fierce competitors.

Most Talkative



Whakeela McLaughlin, Latina Crenshaw.
Rashaan Keith, Todd Milledge

"Don't try to cram now! If you don't know it, you never will."
Sophomores Allison, Hakim, Taheera, and Tamika try to study for those all important mid-terms.

Academic Decathlon

L. McCoy, L. Rivera, N. Harris, S. Foard, N. Richards, L. Haywood, A. Bell, K. Peynado, T. Sapp, K. Furr. Advisor: Mr. D. Davis.

ACT - SO

Under the supervision and inspired guidance of Mr. D. Davis.



Junior Class Officers

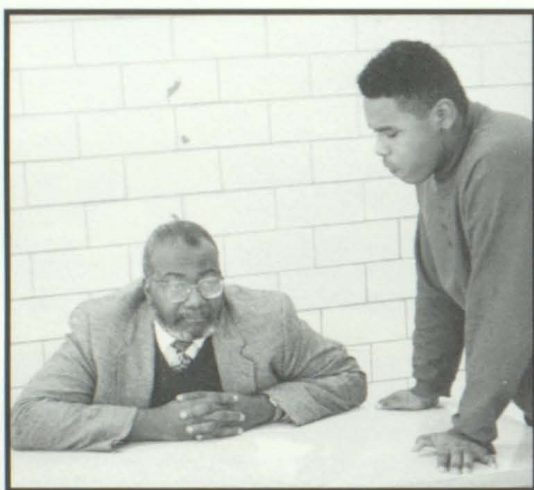
J. Rooks - Treasurer, T. Bennett - Vice President, S. Wallace - Secretary, Hajar Abdus-Sabuur - President. Advisor: Mrs. J. Mills-Ransome.



Sophomore Class Officers

K. McCleod - Financial Sec'y, M. Caldwell - Treasurer, K. Williams - Vice President, D. Melton - Recording Secretary, A. Wilson - President,

Mr. "D" gives brotherly conference to Senior Robert Bryan. "No, Robert, it would be unwise to take four girls to the prom".

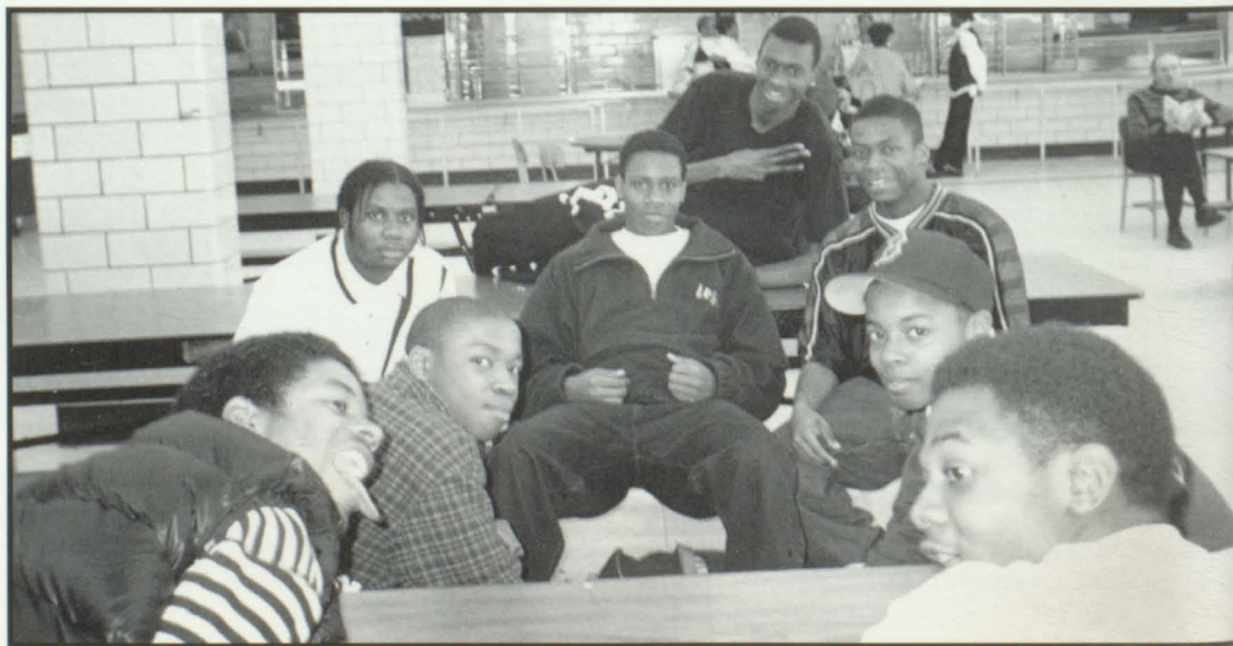


Best Smile



**Nina Mensah, Lydelle King,
Nikia Harris, Stacy William**

Senior guys give some words- to- the- wise to upcoming senior hunks.





Freshman Class Officers

Z. Haywood - Secretary, R. Torain - President, Y. Weems - Treasurer, M. Hardy - Vice President. Advisor: Ms. G. Sanford.

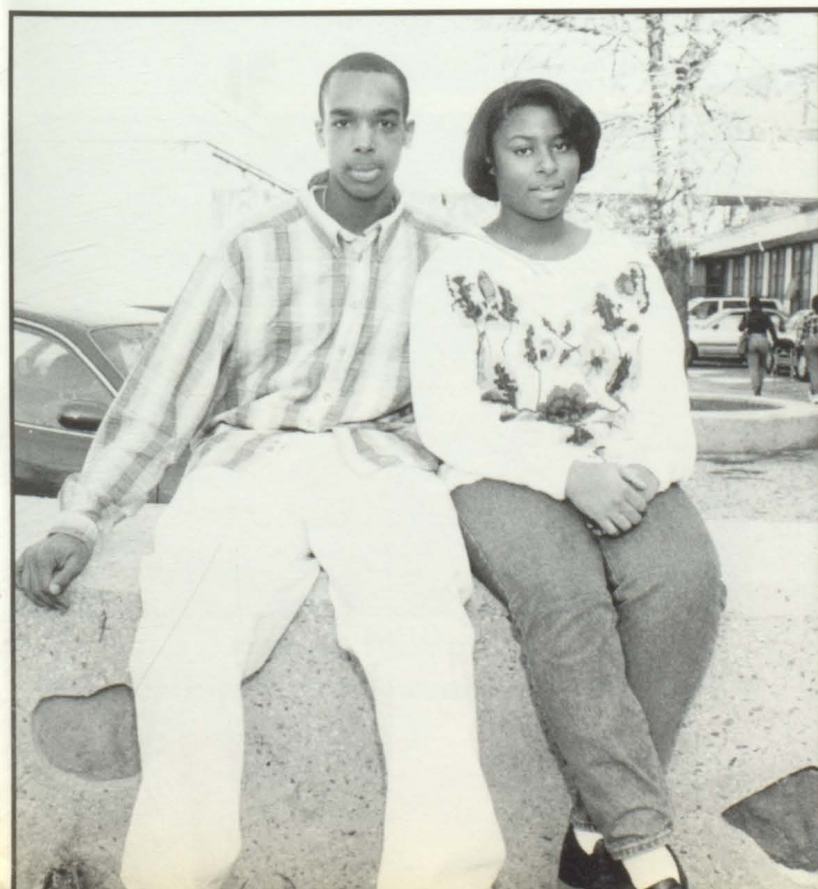


Student Government Organization

Senior Kim Tolbert is the President, Mr. W. Thomas Jr. is the advisor.

The Powers That Be...

Here at UHS not only do we strive for academic excellence, we also strive for success in learning the leadership and networking skills that we will need to assume positions of power in society.



Most Popular



**Otiz Porter, Kimberly Tolbert,
Latina Crenshaw and Lydelle King**

Naritha and Rashaan on a power break.

Senior girlz just chillin'.



Most Changed Since Freshman Year The Class of 1996



School Spirit



Thomasina Patterson, Lydelle King,
Otiz Porter, Yasmin Green



Jazz Band

K. Simons, H. Henry, A. Ankrah, O. Anderson, J. Martin, A. Lockhart,
T. Harris, M. Stevens, T. Sapp, D. Lewis, T. Brooks, L. Guilford, R.
Foluke, A. Bell, K. Billings, M. Caldwell. Mr. J. Ransome, advisor.



Concert Band

The concert band performs under the directorship of Mr. J. Ransome.

And the Show Goes On...

Whether it's the chorus or the band performing at UHS you're always guaranteed a good show. From *Cotton Clubs* to *Talent Shows*, our students work hard to make sure their performances are always the best!! No matter what it is, "We Got It Goin' On!!"

Best Friends

A.Jackson, T. Paterson, K. Stubbs, F. Clarke, N. Harris, F. Provillon, S. Williams, R. Bryan, S. Llanos S. Williams



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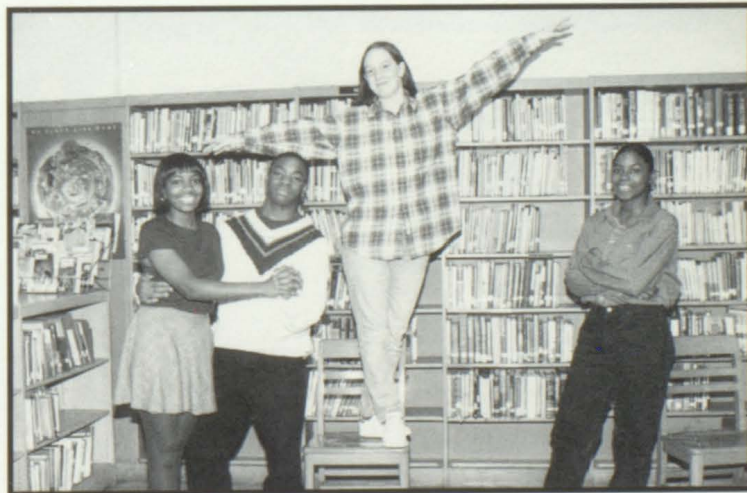


Katrina Stubbs, Robert Bryan,
Farrah Clarke, Marvin Waterman



Chorus

Too numerous to name, the group performs under Mrs. J. Boxley's baton.



Thesbians

H. Abdus-Sabuur, H. Henry, K. Furr, K. Pope. Advisor: Mrs. J. White.



Future Physicians

K. Williams, L. Smallwood, N. Green, D. Head, A. Wood, K. Lester.
Advisor: Ms. D. Rojy.



Chess Club

L. Guilford, J. Martin, R. Bryan, K. Simons, S. Drayton. Advisor: Mr. John Ransome.

Clubs, Clubs and More Clubs

Who says that University is boring? If you know the right teachers and students, you will never run out of fun things to do. Find your niche and stick with it. Happy Clubbing.

Most Likely to Get in Trouble



Dane Tomlin, Tanisha Jackson, Gladys McHenry, Shawn Llanos



Power lunch and planning session
for a few juniors.



Ethnic Awareness

S. Duncan, R. Torain, D. Armstead, K. Pope, H. Henry, S. Brenbow, V. Dent, T. Anderson, S. Parker, S. Benthall, J. Rooks, H. Abdus-Sabuur.
 Advisor: Ms. G. Sanford.



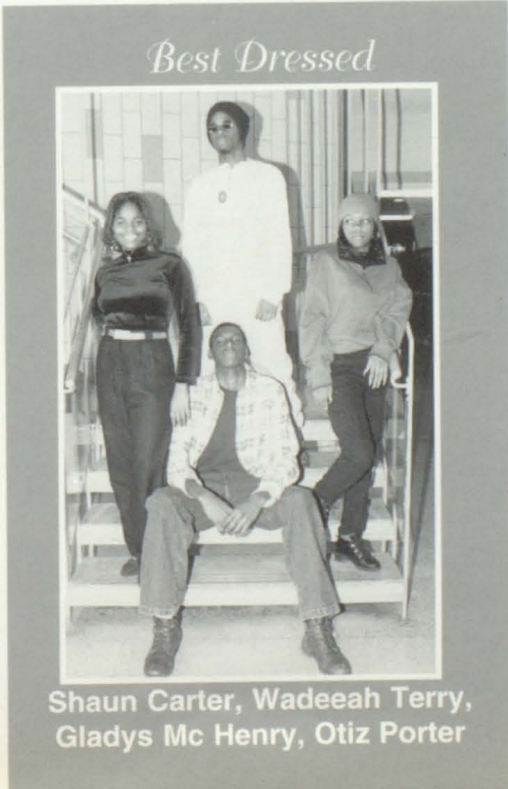
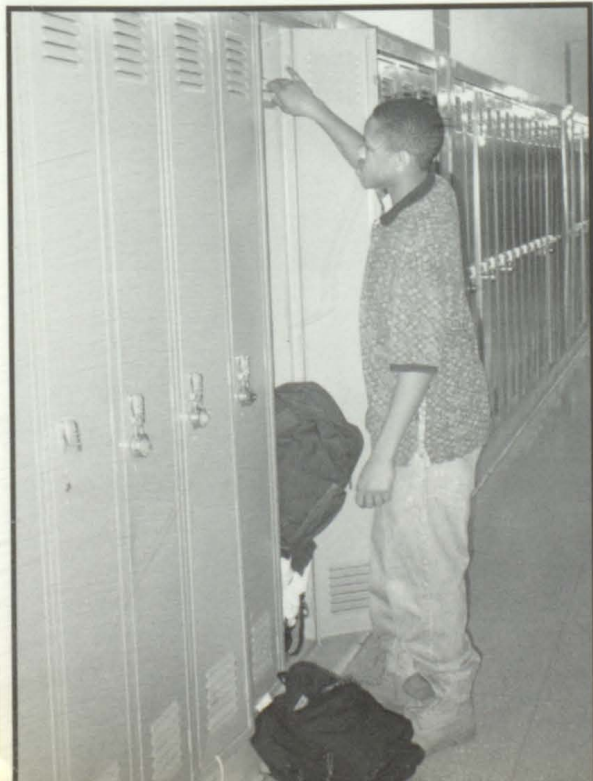
Sewing Club

T. Brown, A. Bell, S. Benthall, S. Crenshaw, J. Rooks, H. Abdus-Sabuur.
 Advisor: Mrs. G. Johnson.



Tashera Talisferro and Therese Nelson
 work hard on their sculpture of
 Josephine Baker

Jesse Powell caught in the act of going to his
 locker during an unauthorized time.



Shaun Carter, Wadeah Terry,
 Gladys Mc Henry, Otiz Porter

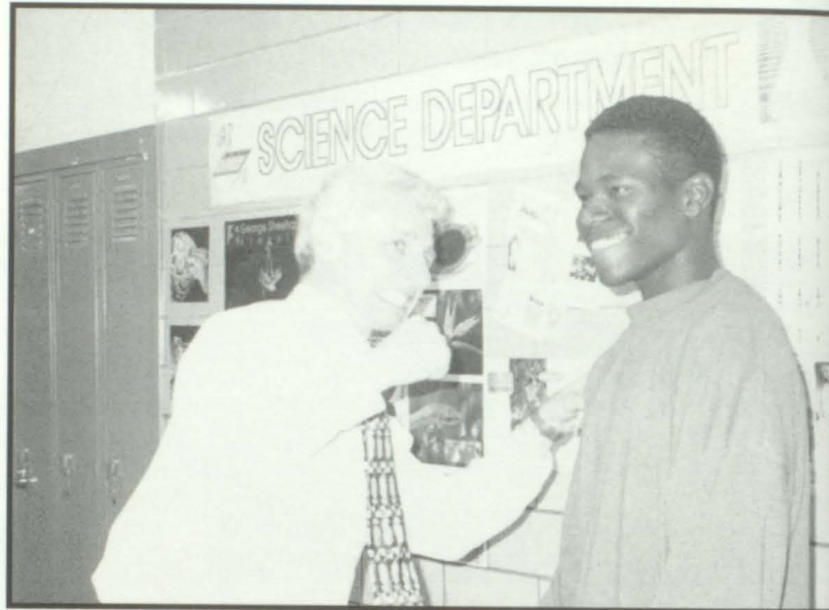
The Best is Yet to Come...

Although these activities are on the last pages of this section, they are still important and highly revered at UHS. These and all previously mentioned activities work together to make UHS a more interesting place.

Most Flirtatious



**Otiz, Porter, Whakeela
McLaughlin, Yasmin Green,
Shaun Carter**



Mr. Kazcka throws Senior Shawn Llanos a theatrical punch as Shawn delivers one of his many reasons for walking the halls.



Close - Up

T. Harris, D. Tomlin, A. Bell, T. Brown, A. Crenshaw, B. Henry. Advisor: Miss P. Wing.



Brotherhood

The men are advised by Mr. W. Thomas, Jr.

Loudest

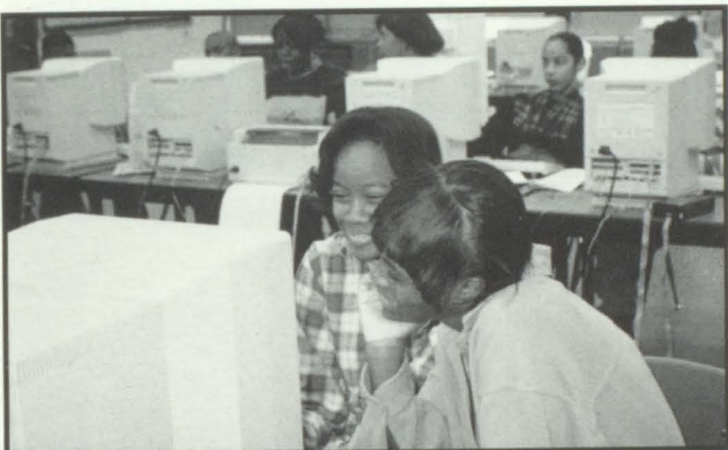


Rashaan Keith, Tanisha Jackson,
Desiree Roberson, Dane Tomlin

Most Intelligent



Robert Bryan, Lakia Haywood,
Paul Sweatte and Katrina Stubbs



S. Parker gives
computer assistance
on Edunetics.

Mr. Kazcka gives
Sandy Hewett a Sun-
shine hug.



Stage Crew

K. Billings, A. Bell, T. Harris and L. Rivera. Advisor: Mr. Ransome.



Eighth Grade Class Officers

K. Kolden, C. Ransom, A. Patterson. Advisor: Ms. T. Edmonson.

Most Creative

Shawn Llanos, Nikia Harris, Stacey Williams.
Narith Richards (Not Pictured.)



Homework Deficient

Robert Bryan, Lauren Mc Coy



Last, but not Least

Every senior has a remarkable trait that distinguishes him or her from the rest of the classmates. However, the seniors featured in the highlighted sections stand out and shine just a little bit brighter than the rest.



Laziest

Shaun Carter, Keisha Peynado, Dane
Tomlin



Most Athletic

Todd Milledge, Latina Crenshaw,
Lydelle King. Naritha Richards (Not
Pictured)

Most Humorous

Desiree Roberson, Dane Tomlin,
Latina Crenshaw, Rashon Keith



Most Mysterious

Lisette Vazquez



Most Likely To Succeed-
The Class of Nineteen Ninety- Six



Judd Millstop



30th Anniversary
"He He"

McLaughlin

Shay Williams

Thomasina Patterson

Forever Most
*
Nikia Harris
the original
Nestle
CH



Ya know...
Hyceeah stayz
moxy for da 9-6

Christy Jackson
c/o 96

TW - TW
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D
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T
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96
Like a Hug
Well... you know
How Bout you understand That

Lesiree
"Lez"
Hober

Rashawn B. Keith
Plai Boyz
c/o 96



Marin Waterman



Lydelle
A.K.A.
Deuce



Katrine
Lashone
Stubb

Kimberly

Latoria
Coffey
Crenshaw



Robert
c/o 96
C. Yamin Gre
aka
Yasse
c/o

Pamela M. Jackson

Laurer S
A.K.A.
Pynkee



Fatimrah Brindley
B.K.A.
Shay's Mabz Simah

Narthus Richards



Robert Brown

Lakia L
Haywood



Shay Williams
was
Here

Shaun Hayes
Baby
Boy



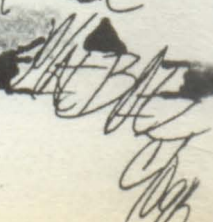
Keisha I.
Dyynado
c/o 96



Paul
Mory
Sweetie
'96

c/o
Tina
Mendall
c/o 96

Paula
Coffey



*Spencer
Hewitt*

Lessie-Howard



REMEMBER WHEN...

We were the Sophomore Steppers
Mrs. Howard told off the little hood-
lums when we were preparing for
Senior Night '95
Otiz was modeling in typing class and
tripped over a cord
Naritha fell down the steps
Jenine and Beneva fought over "Tims"
Lakia hacked all her hair off
Whakeelah had Rashaan going crazy
by touching his ears
Lauren, Lakia, and Keisha used to fight
the Weak Links
Lydelle was not extremely "flirtatious"
We won the cluster contest and never
got our money
A certain class didn't wear weaves all
the time
Other classes didn't "bite" off us
Naritha wasn't "Molly"
Latina and Beneva were The Female
Rekkas
Jawanda wasn't trying to trip someone

Lauren wasn't wearing a scarf
We didn't call Keisha "Curry Goat"
Tameika beat up Dane for touching her
butt
Quiet Farrah turned into "Double F"
Mrs. Ransome got to Chemistry on time
Yasse wasn't loud
Kim told Ms. Barnes off in health class
Stacay wasn't the evil twin
Mrs. Jackson lost her skirt
Mrs. Boxley and Mrs. Wilson were going
to fight
There was "Mystique"
We had a Spanish or History teacher
Todd wasn't acting stupid
Samantha thought she was Puerto Rican
Robert did homework and had school
supplies!
Nina didn't giggle
8th period Physics had a clay and candy
corn fight
Nikia fell in the auditorium
The Senior Beat

Dane Tomlin

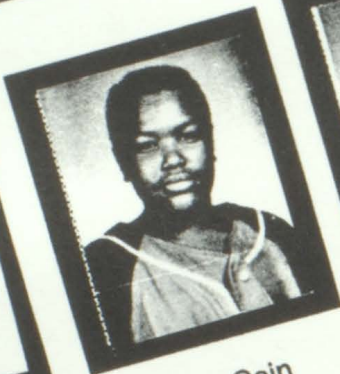


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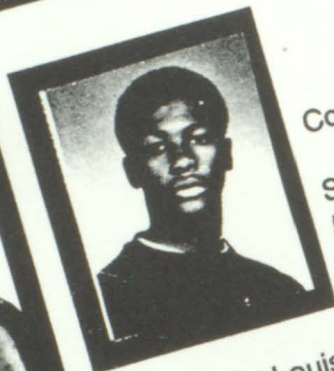
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Nathan Williams



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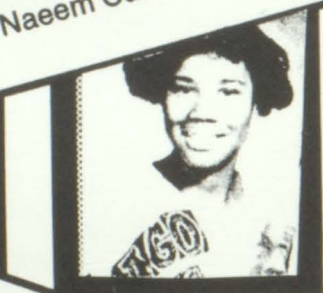
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Lakirah Oates



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Otiz Porter
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Myisha Spencer

Jennine Cornell



Sharon Thompson



Khadijah Caesar



Ruddiah Pierre-Louis

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Desiree Robinson
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Claudia Zachary



Haneefah Webster



Beneva Travers

Contact:

Robert Bryan
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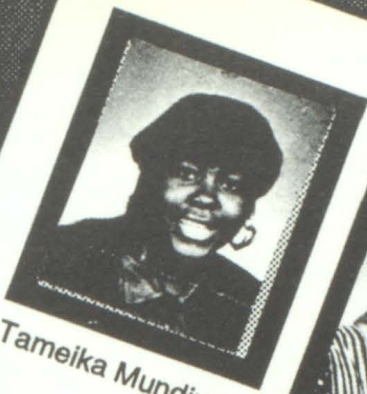
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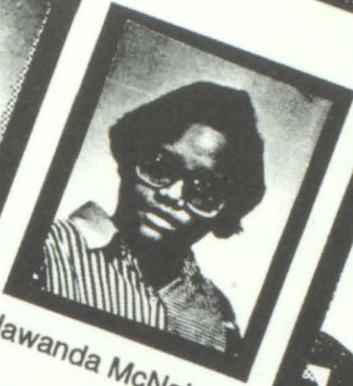
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Shuquanna Hall



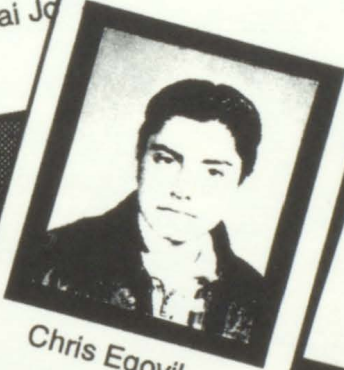
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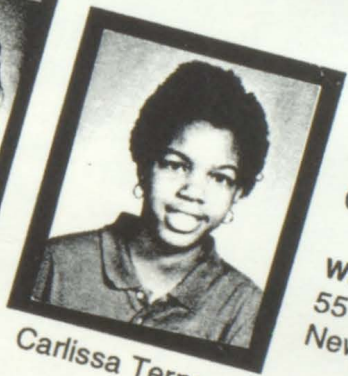
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Carlissa Terry

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Sharon Thompson

Contact:

Shawn Llanos
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Sarida Freeman



Dashaun
Covington



Nicole Chambers

Contact:

Naritha Richards
55 Clinton Place
Newark, NJ

Last Will and Testament of the *Senior Class of 1996*

Mr. Daniels: A whole day of lunch periods.
Mrs. Jackson: Some sanity and your own library to do whatever you want without getting in trouble.

Mrs. Gironda: Some new Matt and Megan stories.
Ms. Rojy: A wake-up call: We are not "chicks!"

Ms. Jones: A Kwanzaa assembly, not a revolution
Mrs. Boxley: A new song to replace "Call Him Up:

Mr. Thomas: A voucher for free school lunch, including seconds and thirds.

Mrs. Andrews: A watch so you'll know its time for homeroom.
Ms. Ransome: A year's supply of Tylenol, Excedrin, and Advil.

Chicken Boo: Bird feed and a custodial staff who knows how to clean.

Mr. Friedank: A physics lesson that won't make one fall asleep.

Mr. Brown: Students who want to let him "show them something.:

Mr. Charles: A sharp right hook and a new lily-pad.

Mr. Davis: A torch to burn that pink shirt and the orange sweater.

Ms. Gilmore: A Law-In-Action class without Todd, Rashaan, Otiz or Lydelle.

Mr. Hankerson: A congregation.

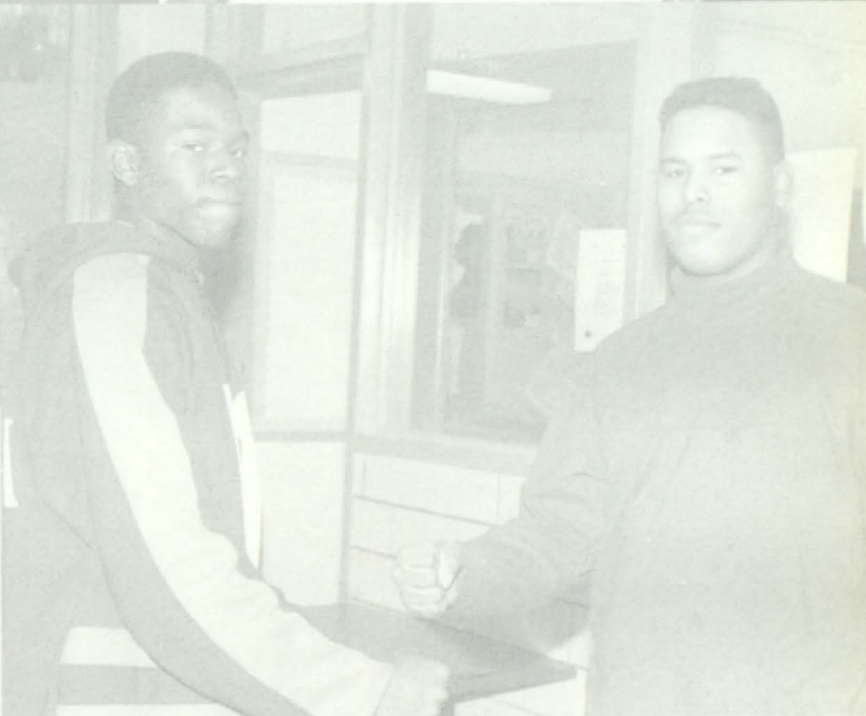
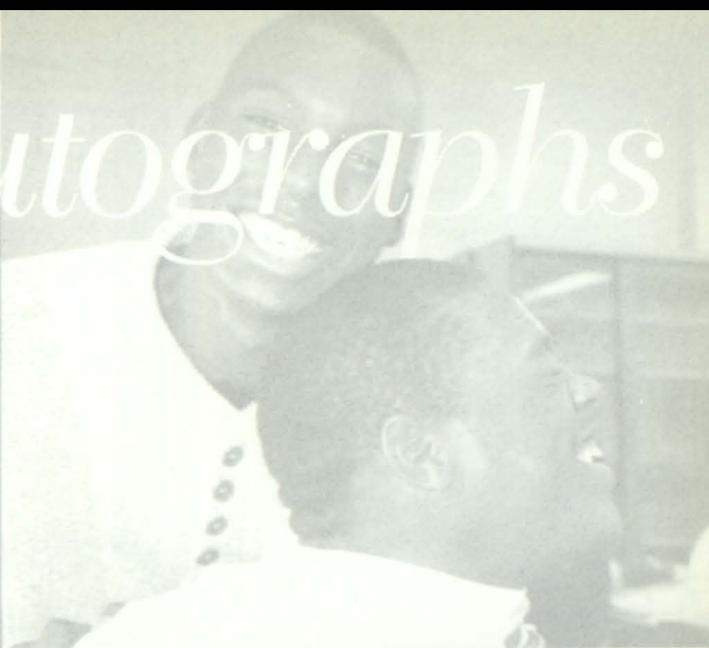
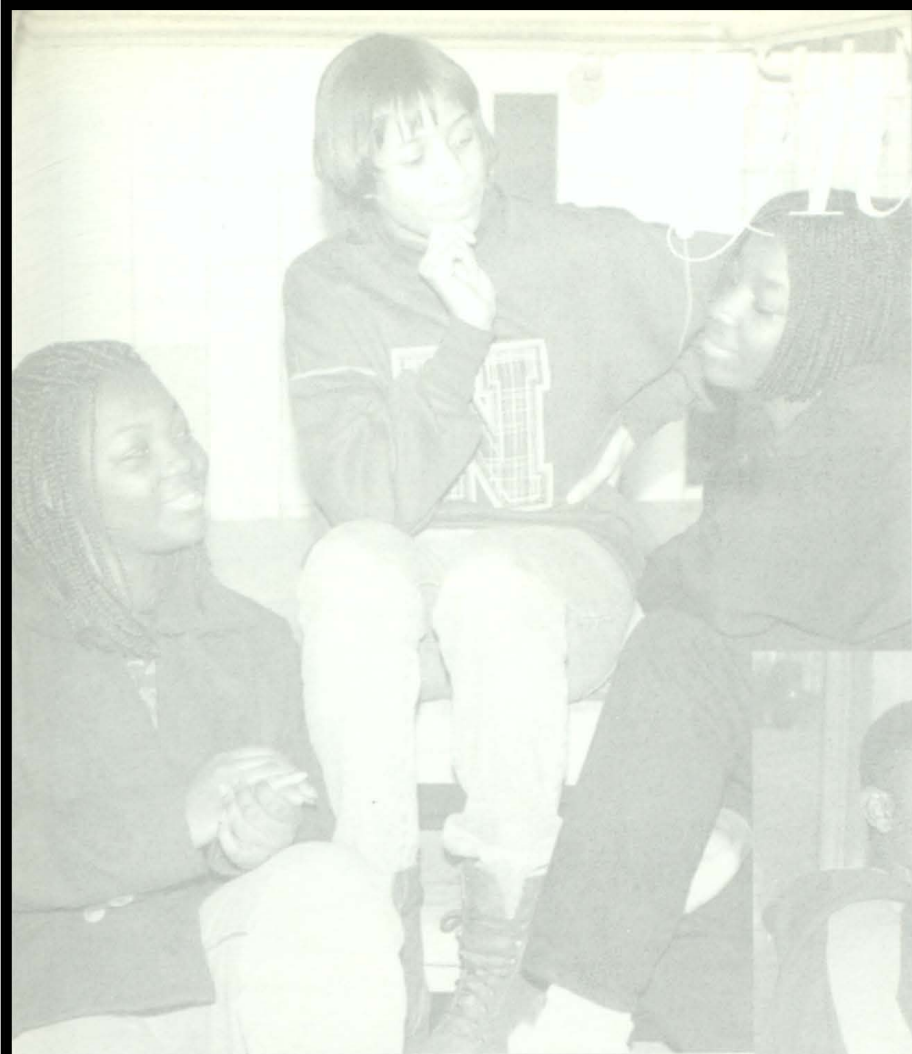
Ms. Hewett: Seniors who always take gym and who really want to hear her stories.

Mrs. Howard: A new credit history to replace the one we ruined.

Ms. Wing: A new hand shake for the secret society.

Ms. Eckstein: Students who never try to cut class by coming to the library.

Autographs



Seniors

Most of us assembled here on a sunny day in September, 1990. We were the Gifted and Talented Class. Two years later, more students joined us, and together we became the Graduating Class of 1996. The class started with 96 members strong. Unfortunately, we graduate 32 seniors.

We saw many changes during these years. Chief among them was the State Takeover, and all the turmoil that went with it.

But now we have reached the time in our lives when we must reflect upon our past and envision our future. We have many memories of UHS that range from events that made us smile, cry, or wish we can go back and change time. However, the past cannot be changed; therefore, we have to look at those trials, traumas, and tribulations, and try to use them to make our futures less harrowing and thereby more successful. Also, we have had wonderful, or at least unforgettable, experiences during the past four years as reflected in the following pages that we will always keep in our hearts. These special memories will carry us through the rest of our much anticipated lives after UHS.



To the remaining students in the senior class, I would like to congratulate you all and wish you lots of luck in the future.

Latina Crenshaw



I am eternally grateful for the success and unity we have accomplished. I love you all and may your future be in the style of "9-6."

Nikia Harris



Samantha Bookman

Shaun Carter

Nicole Chambers

Farrah Clarke

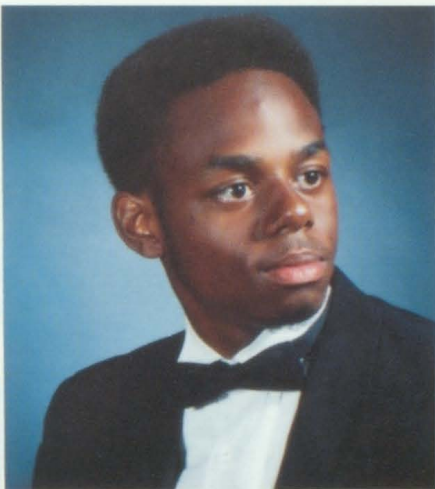
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Haywood*



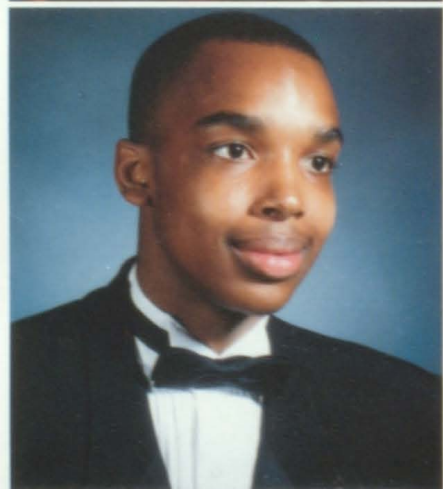
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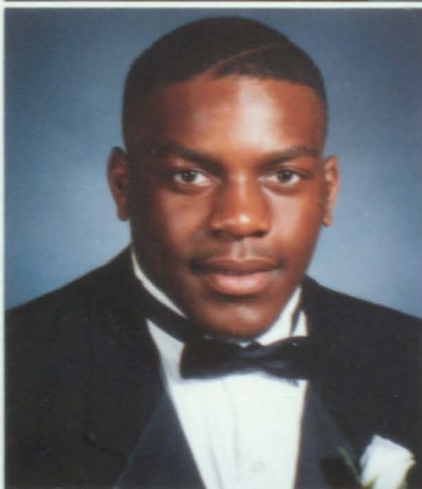
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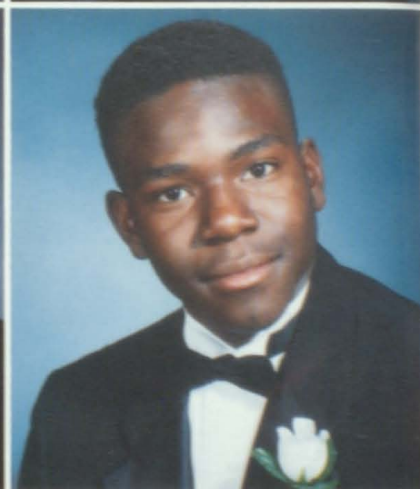
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Lydelle King



*Shawn
Llanos*



*Lauren
McCoy*



*Gladys
McHenry*



*Whakeela
McLaughlin*



Although everything
has not been perfect,
I still appreciate the
bad times because
they are preparing
me for the real
world.

Lauren McCoy



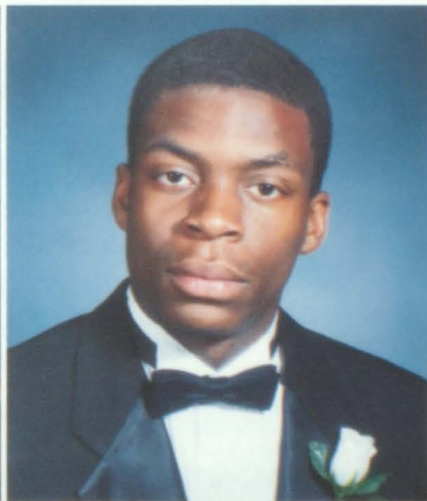
Spending time and
helping out is some-
thing I love to do.
That's why I con-
tinue helping and
working to make
others proud.

Whakeela McLaughlin





Nina Mensah



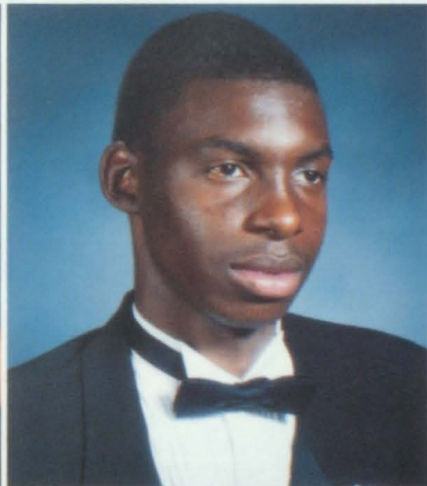
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Milledge*



*Thomasina
Patterson*



*Keisha
Peynado*



Otiz Porter



*Fatimah
Provillon*



*Naritha
Richards*



*Desiree
Roberson*



*Katrina
Stubbs*

The Class of '96..
What can I say?
These were the best
times. Sorry to say,
we must move on. I
love & will miss you
all.

Otiz Porter



I love you guys and
remember: Intelligence
plus Diligence equals
Success.
Stay Real and Success-
ful.
Good Luck

Fatimah Provillon



Remember to always
shoot for the moon;
and even if you miss,
you will be amongst
the stars.
Love Always

Kim Tolbert



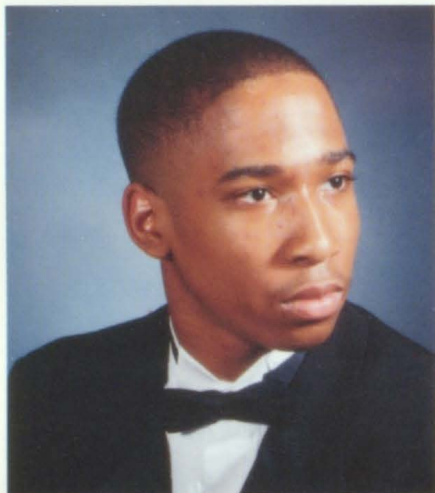
As mother eagle
watches her chicks
grow and leave the
nest; now must I watch
you soar off into the
sky that is your future.
I wish you the very
best.
Mrs. M. Howard



Paul Sweatte

*Wadeeah
Terry*

*Shaaron
Thompson*



*Kimberly
Tolbert*

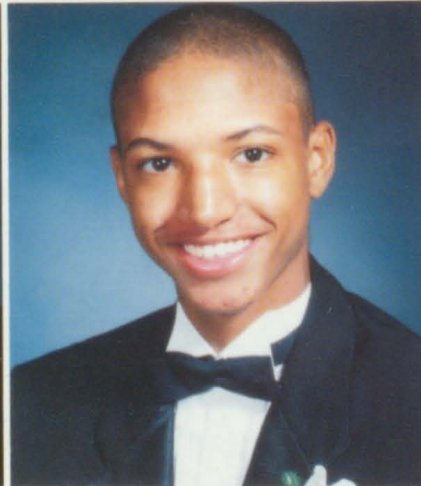
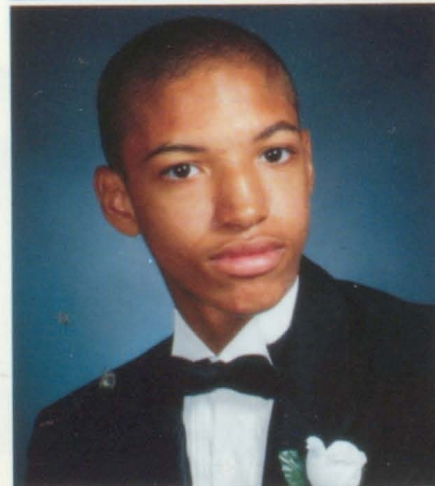
Dane Tomlin

*Marvin
Waterman*



*Stacay A.
Williams*

*Stacy A.
Williams*



Samantha Bookman

It's finally time to say goodbye to UHS after 6 years. As I look back, I

nothing would be possible. To my older brothers and sister: Thanks for staying on my back Jennifer and Lateasha: Please get yourselves together.

Lisette, Dashaun, and Shuquawana. Thanks for being there and giving me someone to talk to. Thanks to Wadeah for being a good lab partner. To the six year students it's been fun. Thanks to the entire Class of '96 for being a friend when needed. I would like to say to



see so much laughter, so many tears and so many of the things that dreams are made of. My experiences at UHS will always be an important part of my life because University High has helped me to mature mentally and responsibly. At times I thought I would never make it, but with love and guidance provided by my mother and father, I did. Thank you. But, Mommy I want to give you a special thanks for me giving me that extra push to make a life for myself. I want to also thank God, because without him



Love y'all. To Dwayne: It seems like I've known you all my life. You are very special to me and I love you.

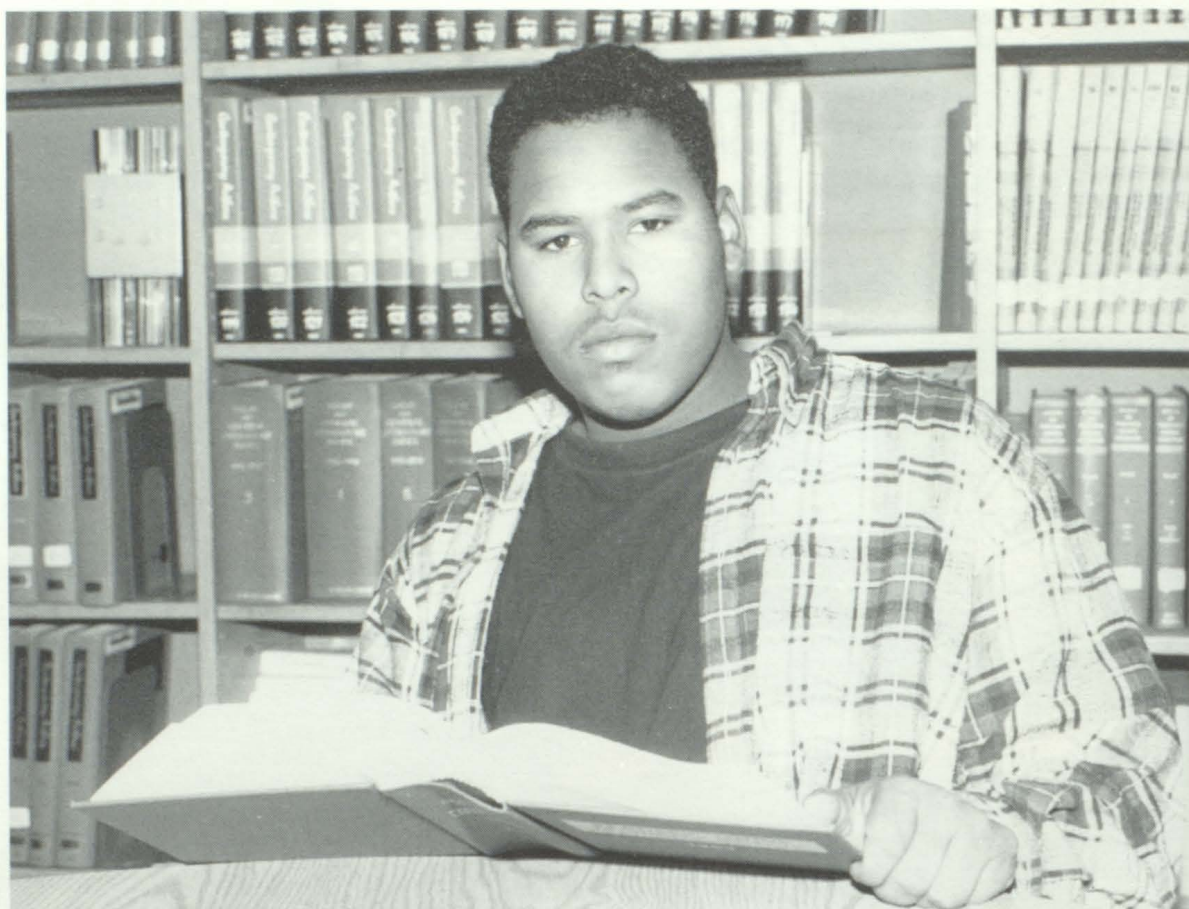
To my fellow seniors: We have overcome many obstacles and yet have to face many more. I know all of you have the strength to do it. Special thanks to Joy, Whakeela,



a l l the underclassmen: Work hard for nothing is given to you, you get what you earn.

Before I let go, I would like to say to the class of '96 Good luck, Goodbye, and Congratulations.

Robert Jackson Bryan



Whew! ...My years at University are at last at an end. I think that I will always remember the Senior class as the smallest, but loudest class in this school! I would like to thank God, my mother and father for putting up with me. Many thanks to my teachers; Mrs. Boxley and Ms Hewitt for looking out for me; Mrs. Gironda for staying on my

case; Mrs. Howard for being Mrs. Howard. Ms Wing and Ms. Gilmore for making me think; Mr. Moore for giving me a firm foundation in all sciences; Mr. Hankerson for teaching me that you can do anything in 24 hours; Mr. Davis for always accentuating the positive. I would like to thank my martial arts instructor Fuquon for helping me to

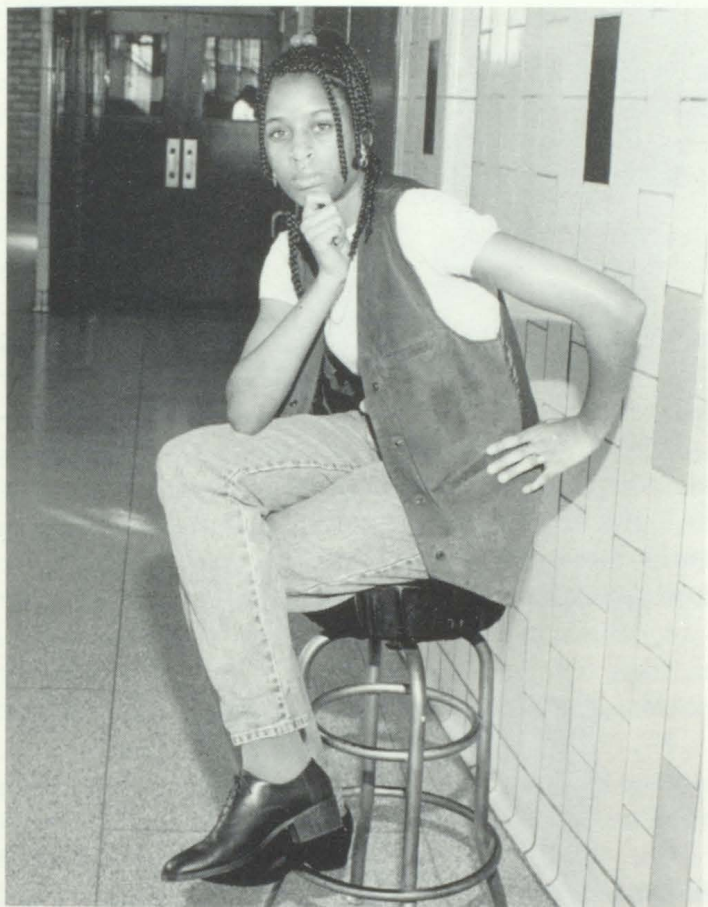
have discipline, respect and confidence in myself.

Before I let Go, I also would like to give crazy props to my friends: Stacey, Stacy, Shawn and Shawn, Niki my sister, Dane, Kevin, Farrah, Fatima, Katrina, Thomasina, Aaliyah for sharing six of the greatest years of my life. All of the Class of '96 will remain in my heart forever.

Peace Class of '96 ...
And I'm Out.

Well, the time has finally come for me to give thanks to everyone who has made some sort of contribution in my life. First off, I would like to thank the divine being in my life for allowing me to get this far. Next, I would like to thank my family for being there when I needed

for becoming one of my favorite teachers throughout the years. From Salve Magister to allocating knowledge (see I did learn something!) Keep striving to be a professor! To D. Davis, thanks for showing me the light to understanding math. Keep being "cheery." Thanks Ms. Gil, for helping me feel



them. Thank you Grandpa wherever you are, you have taught me a lot. Thanks Grandma for supplying my financial needs. Ma, thanks for just being "Ma." To the little "brats" at home (including you too, Nova) thanks for not putting me in the crazy house. To "Ree-Dogg" and "Britt-Britt" keep trying and you will get somewhere. Much love also goes out to the rest of the "fam."

I would like to also give all teachers thanks for giving me important knowledge that was and is necessary to progress in life. Mrs. Gironda: Thank you

comfortable around a group of people. I would also like to thank Ms. Marva Peterman for playing such a role in my life. You have helped me to realize what is out there in the real world, and I am grateful for that.

I cannot forget my "Ace Boon Coon," my chill partner Neen for being there when I needed someone to talk to or to get updated with gossip. Thanks. Much respect goes out to all those UHS students who made coming to school worthwhile. To those coming from da old school:

Tina - you will become a basketball player in the academy, so keep trying. Sam - keep that thumb out of your mouth girl! But on the "foreel," Stay Sweet. Otiz (Cousin Kenyatta) - become an actor, you are just too dramatic. Madison represented well. To all those "wanna be nerds": Lauren, Lakia, Naritha, and Keisha (yea you G. D.); Thank you for letting me sit at your table and for just being there when I needed someone to "bugg." Special shoutout goes to "Kim-Dogg" for helping me break my habit. To my "twin" Dezi: Thanks for not destroying Peg. All I am asking or rather telling you is that it's time to stop the growness, OK. To the Arcade Gangstas, Mystique, Mafia Links, the Weak Links (even you Zak) L.W.P. and the Boys - Although I did not get to know you as well as I hoped, I will really miss you all. Thanks for just being there.

Much love goes out to the Peeps: Shaun, Shawn for being the brothers I never had; Big Head (you know who you are) for just being "dumb," and Rob for teaching me the martial arts (sike!) Sweet peace to the Moxxy Clique: Niki, Teddy, Tima and myself. Thanks Nik for relating to feelings. Teddy (Munch-Dogg) thanks for staying true. Keep munching! Tima (Moz) thanks for just being you. I cannot forget Wanda and her crazy presence. To Jennifer and Daj: Although we just met this year, I find that you are very sweet and I think you should focus on a positive road to follow.

BEFORE I LET GO, I would like to tell the Class of '96 to follow your goals and aspirations and remember that we must move on without forgetting our past.

Farrakhan Clarke

Shawn Carter



Man, I don't want to be here, I wish I was still in the eighth grade, I should have gone to Science..."

It seems as though I was saying those words just a couple of months ago (well I was, but that's not the point). The point is that was four years ago, not a couple of months. It's almost as if time left without me!

I gotta think about this, let's start over...what I don't have enough time! O.K. let's do the post game highlights. In the first quarter the rookie freshman enters the game and suddenly becomes the M.V.P. before he knows it. He takes the rock and makes his way through meeting new people, handling the ladies, the upper classmen, teachers, and with one second, scores to take himself to the second quarter.

Now as the second quarter begins, the kid has to start a new game plan, so he comes out gunnin'. This second year sophomore "player" is making himself known in the league. He's standing up to the pressure of every team and the critics and isn't backing down to any team like those so called 9th graders or any of the other teams. As the second quarter

closes, the kid is winning by two.

Well, since I don't have time to finish the game I'll tell you who won, when I'm finished. But first I've got to remember some people and some times. Before I begin, may we have a moment of silence for Na'eem Cain, Zakiyyah Cobb, and all the other members of the original 1996 Phoenix who got traded....

Thank You!

I have to thank my boys, for making these the most memorable four years. Dane, if I ever get in trouble I know it's gone be alright cause you'll get blamed for it. To Todd, the only kid I know to redefine "how to just get by" and still be a "star." Rashaan, if I ever need a car or an on the spot "mother joke," you'll be the first person I call. Lydelle,

the only brother I know (besides me) who could make it look so easy, "It's On Baby." Otiz, the only person I ever "shared" with. Shawn & Rob, the only people to ever grow on me like a rash and not irritate me. And to Stacy, Stacey, Marvin, and Paul, don't ever let anybody tell you different: All of you NEED HELP!!

Now for my girls. Yasmin Nawar Zakiyyah Green, the first girl to ever run more game than ESPN Live, Thank You. Nikia & Farrah, the only girls who can break it down in a minute when you say give a beat, I love ya'll. Tanisha, Gladys, and crew, if ya'll don't get more souped than chicken noodle during the winter, I don't know who do. Latina, you too can be like Mike, just don't forget how to fly. Wadee'ah, the only girl to make "pretty" into a living art. To all the others I missed sorry, but I don't have the space, but

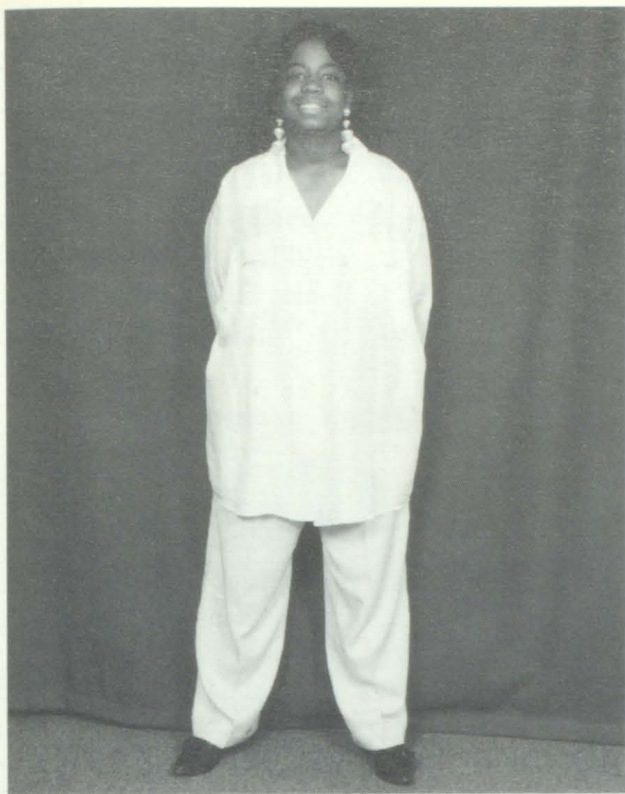
I can say you all make this thing worth it!

You might ask if I've come away with anything, and I'll tell you tell you yes; six things as a matter of fact, Knowledge, Originality, Nonconformity, Shrewdness, Experience, and Paradox. If you

look all of them up you'll see what I mean, but for those who know me they already do, "told you I could do it!"

Finally, I would like to say this, "University, it's been real!" Oh, the game well, the kid "scored some more" in the last two quarters, but the games going into overtime, and it's my rock baby, let's play ball like...*Before I Let Go.*





A seventh grader in UHS, what should you expect
Principal, Vice-principal and faculty keeping you in check.

Eighth grade, got suspended from the school I attended
Tried to lie my way out of things so my name wouldn't be in it.

Freshman year, my best year, I still remember the past
Fooling around, winning cluster showcases, and cutting class.

As a sophomore, I stepped and stomped all over the stage
In my memory, the "Sista Sista, Rolling Deep" will never fade.

In the eleventh grade, 100% of the students passed the HSPT 11
Nothing can stop us now, we're in "96" heaven.

Senior year, problem after problem, always stressing
Catching up on old work while the teacher's explaining a new lesson.

SAT's, prom, getting accepted into a college.
Gathering up all my Basic Skills and good knowledge.

Before I graduate, I would like to send
Shoutouts to my family, the C/O 96, Ms Hewitt, Ms Barnes and my best friend,
Genique Flournoy.

Special shoutouts go to:
Little Charles, Mr. Friedman, my Real friends, Tyisha Bennett, the Mafia,
Kelly (23), Sashquash, Yassi's table, and Everybody who came from Madison!

So farewell to all, and I would just like to show
My appreciation to the people who made a difference in my life,
Before I let go.

Latina Crenshaw

Yasmin Green

Yasmin Nawar
Zakkiyah
Green known

to others as Yasse. Remember freshman year, being loud, never wanting to do my hair, and wearing baggy clothes. Seen with Meek, Nig, Ric'e, Spesh, Desi, Nina, and Greedy Face. Can't forget Jenine. Remembering the clicks: Da Bus Squad, The Weak Links, Da Crenshaw Mafia, which changed over to the Juve Delikwentz, The Arkade Gangstuz, etc. Remembering the food fights with Zak-n-Otiz with Apple Betty in my hair, Remember beefin' with everyone. Shout out to my daughter Brienne Quianna Monique—my aspiration. To the woman and man who put me here to be a successor—one luv. Shout out to my best friends Shaun Carter and Alonzo Shuler who were never too busy to listen to my problems and keepin' me outta



trouble. R.I.P. Al-Tarique Mosley and Corey Bey. P.G. 4 LIFE 2 DA DEATH word up one luv. Remember running from the guards and giving teachers havoc. Mad shout -

work, learning from failure. "Before I let go" Mad Love to the Class of '96, its been fun. I'm gonna miss you guys!!

outs to Mr. Hankerson, Mrs. Howard, keepin' it real with me. Ms. Jones and Ms. Gruber who bought anything I sold, and treated me like a daughter. Thank You To Ms. Gilmore and Ms. Ransome who learned as we laughed. Thanks to all U.H.S. faculty and staff. Being at U.H.S. for four years has given me support upon which to build. P.S. "There are no secrets to success, it is the result of preparation, hard

These past six years have been truly the best years of my life, so far. The last two years have been the most effective. I have attained a sense of pride and confidence in myself that I never had before. This is due to the relatives, friends, and "family" I

me your all. To Mrs. Boxley, for being there and pushing me to be the best. To Mrs. Gironda, for all the support, confidence, compliments, and teaching me how to let my light shine. To Mr. Fahmy, for believing that I could excel in mathematics



have grown to love. And this page is to say "Thank You!"

First and foremost, I give honor to God who is the head of my life, and I am so grateful that he has bestowed many blessing my way. My parent (Mamita and Popito) who, really, do not know how much I appreciate each and every thing they have done for me. I am eternally grateful. To Stephanie, Lisa, Germanne, and Shannon, for stepping out of the roles of cousins and being sister and brother to me - in every way! Erica and Dawn, thanks for listening and giving

and helping me to perform this task. To Mr. Davis, for going above and beyond the call of a teacher, by being a friend. To Monsieur Charles - thanks for constantly pushing to rise above and beyond. To Ms. Jones for subliminally building my self confidence, and being an Auntie. Ms. Edmonson, for being my "mom" since 7th grade and all the teachers that have helped along the way.

To Katrina, Aaliyah and Thomasina - even though we had our ups and down, I really appreciate all of the

time we shared during these years. To Lydelle: You know, we have been together for a long time, and I hope we never lose our friendship. Also, you, Otiz and Todd - better stay sexy. Thanks for the picture, it was a dream of mine. To Rashaan, you are one of the sweetest guys, I know, thanks for the laughter and the friendship. To Paul: You know, you have changed so much since we first met, but you have been there for me. Kim, thanks for your support. To the table crew, Lauren, Rita, Lakia and Keisha, Much respect!

Now, to my "family." I hope we never part. There is not enough space to say everything, but...Shaun C., Rob, Dane and Stacey: Thanks for being my big brothers. You just don't know how much I appreciate your kindness. Farrah, Fatimah and NiCole: No words can express my love for you ...you are truly my sisters and I value you entirely too much to ever part with you. To my Lil' sis Lucky: You have a special place in my heart, and you know how much I care. To my Baby Boy, Shawn,: your unconditional love has given me the strength to go from day to day. You have been there for me when it seems as if no one cared, even when we were at odds with each other. I thank you, from the bottom of my heart.

To the Class of 1996: It's nothing but love in my heart for you all.

If I missed anyone, it's not because I forgot you, the space is limited, and you know how I can go on and on and on. So I love you and Peace Out!

I just had to say this to you all...*Before I Let Go.*

Nikia Harris

Lakia Haywood

Before I let go of my adolescence and all the immaturity and silliness that it entails, and move on to adulthood and all the worries and responsibilities that come with, I would like to say goodbye to my home away from home. My six long years at University has made my pre-teen and teen years cherishable. Every adult has told me, with voices full of nostalgia, that your high school years are some of the best years of your life, so make the most of it. My immediate thought was "Get a grip!" But now as I come to this fork in the road of life, I am wise enough to see that because I made the best of my UHS experience, UHS has helped to make the best of me.

Thanks to all the teachers and staff that I have become acquainted with. You all have a special place in my heart or at the very least take up a tiny, minute, microscopic space in my memory. Special thanks to Mr. Darnell Davis for being annoyingly, but refreshingly "Mr. Positive." We should all model and admire your dedication. Also special thanks to Miss Tammarra Jones for letting me freeloader at your house all those weekends; Mrs. Marilyn Lewis-Howard for

putting up with the Class of '96 all these years; Mrs. Marie Gironda for "Girondizing" us; Mrs. Beatrice Andrews for homeroom etiquette and seventh grade lunch; Miss Patricia Wing for being so generous at



Close-Up; Miss Teresa Edmonson for "Dangerous Women" and being the only history teacher who didn't leave us or become sick; Mr. Robert Moore for TOPOC, the method, etc. that has stuck in my brain all this time; Mrs. Mary Alterie for being ready to jet and too tired eighth period; Mrs. Gwen Jackson for hookin' my name up on the board every cycle; Mrs. Eckstein for letting me hang out in the library; Miss Valerie

Barnes; Ms. Sandra Hewett; Mr. Robert Hankerson; Mr. Katzka; and the guidance department. Your laughter and support is your legacy to me.

Many thanks to Lauren McCoy for always being there when I needed someone to listen and advise my confused behind. I hope that we will always remain best friends. Special thanks to Keisha Peynado for the "shopping" and boy-hunting escapades. I hope we all continue to see Paradise, Bandit and their peers in the future. Also special thanks to Naritha Richards - we got through Fahmy together. Also big up to Farrah Clarke for being the most down-to-Earth, sweetest person I have every known. Farrah,

always believe in yourself. Keisha and Farrah, I forgive you for corrupting me into being late. Because of you I can say that I never had to wonder who my real friends are.

Even though I am letting go of University High School, I will never let go of the memories, knowledge, advice and friendships this school has given me. Au revoir UHS family. (See, something did come out of those four years of French.)

Over the past six years, I have become very fond of University. I have to admit that I was not enthusiastic about being here. My first year was a reality check. I always thought good grades came naturally. At University I learned to work hard to receive the grade I wanted. I thank University for that.

Another thing I just can't forget are the friends that I have made here. My two best friends Katrina and Thomasina have been there ever since the seventh grade, and we have been inseparable since. Friendships like these don't come around that often. Another friend who has been with me ever since we were in the second grade: Frankie you are the best. She has been the one who always understood me and was there for me whenever I needed her. I would also like to thank my boyfriend for being there when I needed him. Thank you Malik.

My mother is also someone who I would like to congratulate. I am finally a graduate. The next step is a big one and I know you will be right there with me through the rough and good times. I just want you to know that all of your hard work isn't for nothing. My grandmother has

she was doing. Thanks Grandma.

The teachers at University have been very supportive throughout the years. I would like to thank especially Mrs. Boxley. She has been the best ever since I have known her. Mr. Davis has also been there for every student. You can tell he

really enjoys what he does.

Before I let go of the childhood years and go on to a whole new world, I want to thank everyone who has helped me get to this turning point in my life. I give a special thanks to the



also been a constant support in my life whenever I needed someone to talk to, she was there for me no matter what

Class of '96, we were the smallest class, but **we survived.**

Malijah Jackson

Tanisha Jackson



As a freshman coming into UHS I thought it would be all fun and games, but the teachers let me know I had another thing coming. Running the halls with my friends, being loud, and acting crazy was what I wanted to do and I did.

Sophomore year I got a little older and a little wiser. Now I knew what to expect and what not to expect. Finally my loud mouth got me somewhere besides in trouble when I was the leader of the sophomore steppers.

Junior year I noticed slowly but surely all my friends who I ran the halls with were leaving and if I didn't get my act together I would be the next one out the door.

Senior year I realized it's a real world out there, and I know that my experience at UHS will help me in this real world.

I will never forget all those teachers who showed me that I wasn't the boss. My guidance counselor, Ms. Nobel who was always more

than just a guidance counselor, but also a friend. My friends who made my years at UHS mad fun. My best friend who is also my boyfriend, Kareem, who was always there for me no matter what. Last, but not least, my parents who made me get up out bed to come to school each and every day, and always told me to be all that I can be.

Now it's time to leave University High School, so I would like to give the biggest shout out the Class of '96 *before I let go.*

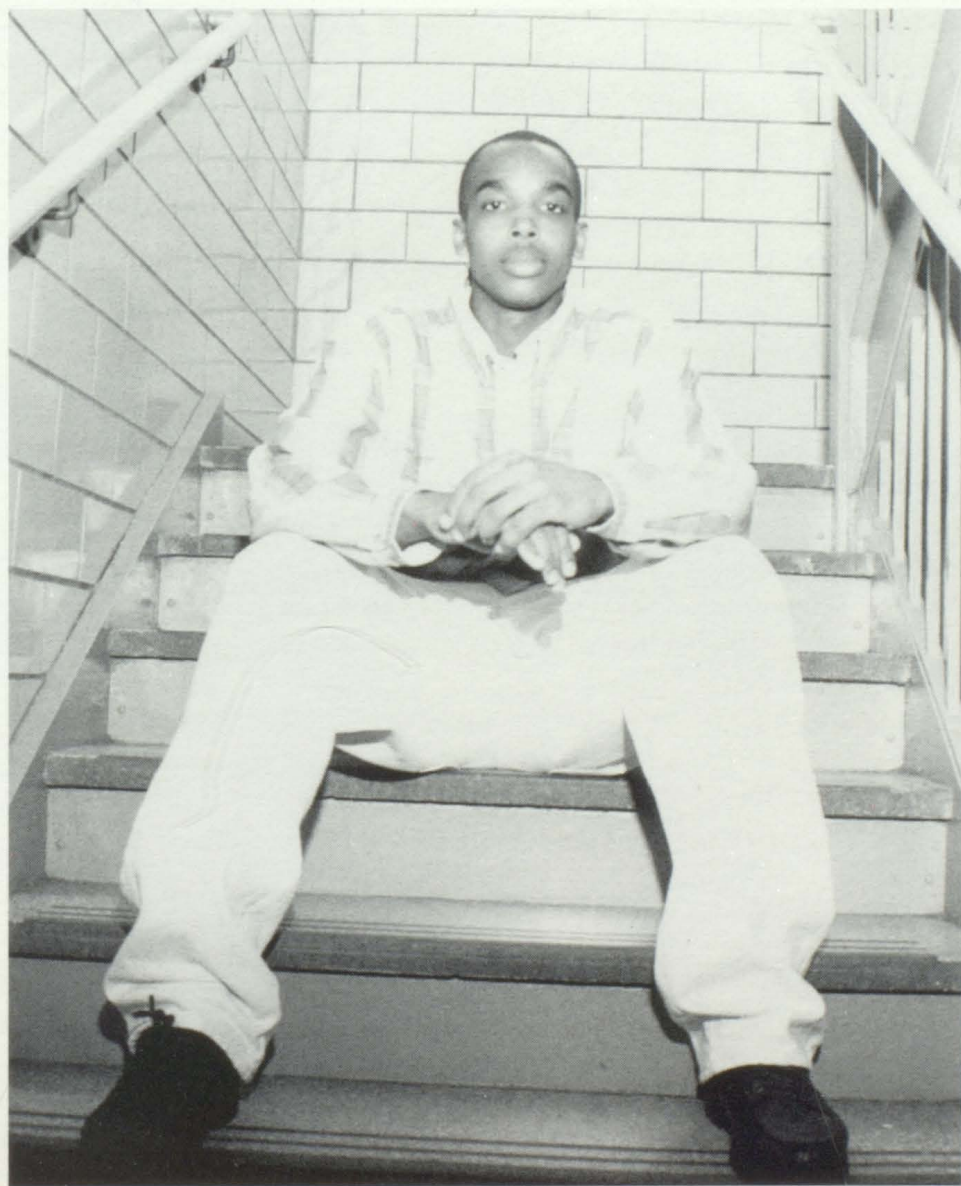
The End is Near and I'm Ready to Get Out of Here.

First, I would like to thank my loved ones: My Mother, for putting up with my roller coaster grades; to my Father for helping me get through hard times. To Dave for giving me good advice, (not on football.) To Pat, for listening and understanding me (look at my hands.) To my aunts and uncles for being there for me. I would also like to thank all the people I know for making my high school years great ones. Especially my kids: Otiz, Todd, Shaun, Dane, The

Williams' Boys and my stepson Lydelle. To Paul and Marv: Thank you for letting me cheat off you. To Rob and Shawn: Stay chill. I would like to thank all the teachers who helped me out. In particular Mr. Hankerson and Mr. Davis. To Mrs. Ransone Cock-A-Doodle-Doo. To Ms. Hewitt, thanks for all the B-Ball help. To all the girls for your friendships. To Latina for getting me hyped on the blacktop. To Kim and Shaaron for being good friends since Chad. To Thomasina for always shooting me down. To Aaliyah

and Katrina: Stay sweet. To Tanisha, Yasse, and Ric'e: See you at the mall. To Farrah: Stay ticklish. To Nikia: Stop tickling me. To Nina: Find your way home. To Desi: keep baking those cookies. To Wadeeah: Stay sexy. To Keisha: Stop reading those darn books. To Dashaun: I will never forget you. To everybody I didn't write down I will still remember you. And last, but not least, to Naritha: We have gotten real close this year, I hope to continue. To the Class of '96: Good luck in future endeavors.

Before I let go: This high school chapter is over, now I hope to start a new one.



Rashaan Keith

Lydelle King

First of all, I'd like to give a special shout-out to my late mother and father: I Love You, and I will continue to make you proud of me. I also would like to thank my Aunt Eleanor and my Grandmother for stepping in my parents place and guiding me through High School. Thanks for everything. To the rest of my family and friends: Thanks for the support and confidence in my ability.

Before I Let Go... I'd like to say thanks to those teachers who made my stay at University a pleasant one: Ms. Gilmore, Mrs. Howard, Barnes, Ms. Hewitt, Mr. Hankerson, Mr. Charles, Mr. Davis, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Cherulnik.

To all the basketball players: It's been fun ballin'

with y'all, but now its time to move on "cuz they can't hold me in high school!"

Mad props go to my guys from Shabazz Football

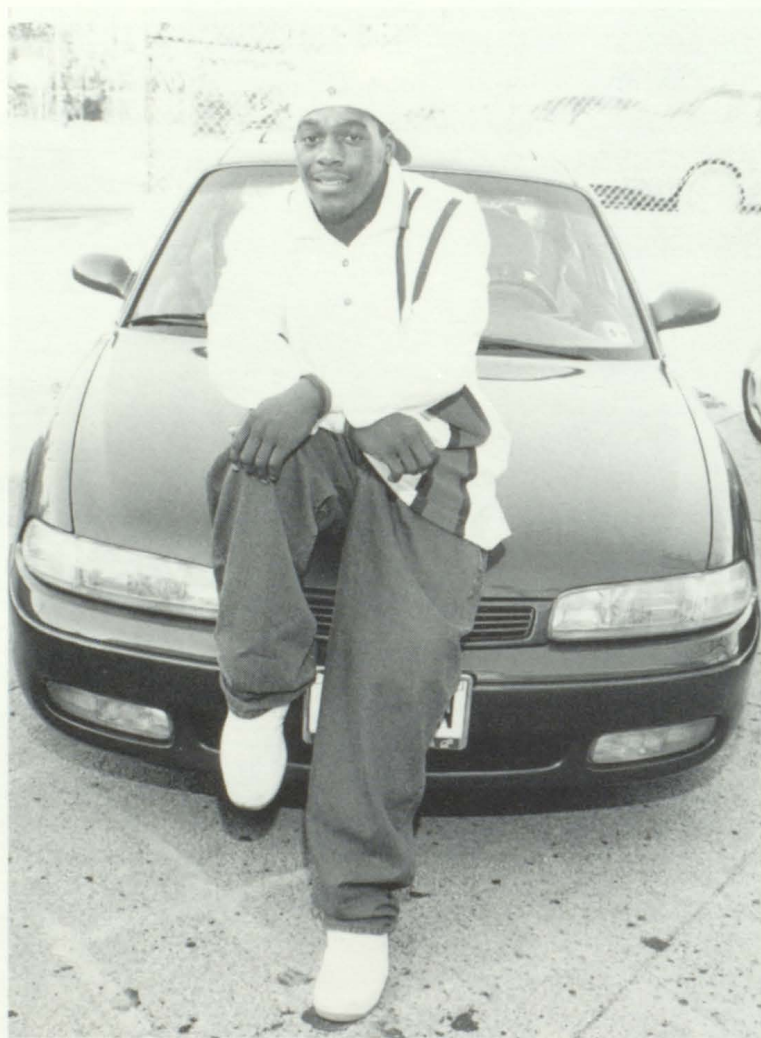
straight representin' on da war path."

To the Class of 1996: I'm glad it's over! No more going to school with all these

ducks, no more geeks walking down the hallway reading books, and no more playing superman when people are gettin' jumped after school. To the ladies: Stay sweet, and I'm sorry you couldn't have "Da tru playa for real, but datz alright! I love all of y'all."

To the fellaz: I hope I've been a positive role model to those of you who look up to me. "This is not good-luck nor good bye, 'cuz I know you'll

be successful in all your future endeavors, 'cuz you know Me."



team, and Coach McCombs and the rest of the coaching staff. "Don't worry, college is gonna be da bomb, I'll be



Shawn Llanos

As I prepare to leave this environment which I have been situated in for such a long time, I'd like to leave behind a token of my appreciation to those who made it worth while. First and foremost, let me thank God, who has directed me through these years. My mother and father who lent their support, financially and mentally. To the entire Class of 1996, I want to let all of you know how I feel about you. The finest girls in the school have basically one thing in common. They are all in the Senior Class. I love you all.

Let me begin by giving a shout out to all the links, mafia members, members of the moxy clique, Da Juveinle Delinkwintz, and all the other people out there who aren't with us now. Personal shout out to: Otiz 'Slinky' Porter, who made the five (5) years he spent with us worthwhile; Dane 'Fozzy' Tomlin, who never combed his hair; Todd 'wonderboy' Milledge, who always tried to make the impossible shot; Lydelle 'Deuce' King; Fatimah 'Mahz' Provillon, Stacey 'Duntz' and Stacey 'Stringy' Williams, the twins that I'll never forget. The Love That

Has Kept Me Out of Trouble: Nikia Harris. I'd like to give her special thanks, she has been there for me when there was no one else, with all my heart I Love You. Robert 'Honker' Bryan, the kung-fu master; Shaun 'Puffy' Carter the interstate player; Marvin 'the computer whiz' Waterman, may your years on the Internet be interesting. Aaliyah Jackson....; Lakia Haywood: I'll remember your svelt figure always. Katrina Stubbs: stay cute. Latina 'fatty' Crenshaw, I'll see you at Hollywood's. Paul Sweatte: Nintendo is not everything. Farrah 'Kyone' Clarke: You are truly the sister I never had, much love. Keisha Peynado: There are many ways in which I've pictured you, but success is all that I wish for you. Naritha Richards: Sexy and seductive in your own little ways, I'll remember you always. Samantha Bookman: try and come to school once a week. Wadee'ah 'Peaches' Terry: You were the only girl who I wanted, but never got the chance to tell, stay beautiful forever. Zakiyyah 'the mouth' Cobb: Shut up. Yasmine Green: Dance until you can't dance no

more. Rashaan Keith: May yuk mouth stay with you always. Gladys 'Rice' McHenry: There's nothing wrong with being short, you're still the bomb. Whakeelah McLaughlin, ooohhhh. Tanisha 'Special' Jackson: I regret that I didn't get to know you better and I mean that. Kim Tolbert: Keep in the path that you are traveling, much success. Desiree 'Mrs. Thing' Roberson: Keep doing what you're doing, I'll never tell. And the friends that made school worth coming to: Dee'ah, Tanisha, KI-KI, Sam, etc. Special shoutouts to Nicole 'Teddy' Chambers, Jowanda McNair, Maisha 'butter' Spencer, Sharon 'Hips' Thompson, Shuquana Hall, Khadijah Caesar, Chris Egoavil, Nathan Worthington, James Sexton, Carlissa Terry and Tameeka Mundine. To the teachers which influenced me more than they realized. I'll say no names, because I don't want to exclude anyone. You know who you are. Special thanks to the guidance office, Mrs. Juanda Boxely, Mr. J. Charles: French class was the best. Ms. Hewitt, Ms. Barnes, Mr. Cherulnik, Mr. Kaczka, the security guards, Mrs. Jackson, Mr. Brown, and the many history teachers, it been fun.

Now for everyone and everything else, I'll miss this school, the teachers the staff the ever changing faces that have held my interest. In the Junior class, Todd, Jerry, Jihad, Kathy, Alicia, Niama, Kenya, Margaret, that's all I can remember. The rest of the underclassmen, those who I cared to know I'll miss you. I'll see all of you in about 2 years. Let the Phoenix Rise, *before I let go*. Shawn (Baby Boy) Llanos

Lauren Mc Coy

"How do I say goodbye to what we had. The good times that made us laugh outweigh the bad. And I'll take with me the memories to bring my sunshine after the rain...It's so hard to say goodbye to yesterday."

What more can I say? These lyrics to one of the most popular songs ever written almost explain the feelings that I have for the people here at UHS. I have never felt this way before; sad, but at the same time happy and eager to face the next stage in my life.

As I prepare to leave UHS, I find myself often taking time out to reflect upon my life and which direction I want to go. When I reach a crossroad and I am not particularly sure which way I want to turn, a memory of a UHS experience or conversation surfaces and helps me make the best decision for me in the given situation.

During the past 6 years I have come in contact with many people at UHS who have helped mold me into the strong African-American female that I am today. Some of the people who inspire me may not even know it because I have never had them for teachers. What they don't realize is that sometimes a word, phrase, or comment they relate to you can help brighten your day. On that note I would like to thank the following: God, because I know that everything I do is made possible because of Your grace, mercy and tremendous love. Mrs. Howard, for all your support, your witty sarcasm, and the rides to Eastern Pkwy. Mrs. Jackson, for the good food at the year book meetings and the hugs that came at just the right time. Mrs. Eckstein, for your "superior librarian knowledge" and for supplying the help that I always needed. Ms. Hewitt, for staying in debt to me and always being able to make me smile. Ms. Ransome, even though your sarcasm is bitter, I will still miss you (and thanks for the trip to "see" Ozzie, even if I never get it!). Mr. Davis, Oh brother! Just get some new jokes! Mr.

Hankerson, for helping me with all those bad math days. Preach on brother! Mr. Thomas, for supporting our many fund-raisers and being cool. (Get your weight up!) Ms. Barnes, for being such a nice person. Check It Out!! Mrs. Gironda, keep on dancing and thanks for the (long, long) lectures. Mrs. Andrews, thanks for teaching us the rules of "homeroom etiquette". Mrs. Altieri, for letting us come to

get on my nerves, but you are a great brother. Connie J., Kyrelle, I love you all and stay sweet. Grandma, thanks for staying on my back and bugging me till no end. Aunt Jean, Cindy, Linda, Sheila, Niecey, and Ronnie - I love you all and I could not have done it without you. Lakia, my best friend, stay crazy and remember I'll always be there to guide your confused behind. Timah, stay sweet ya' moochin'



the library because we had so much work to do (SIKE!). Ms. Wing, thanks for Close-Up (Shh, don't tell anybody!) To the Guidance Department, I know I always bugged you all, but I love you anyway.

To my family and friends I would like to say thanks for being there when I needed someone to vent my frustrations on or to boast about my accomplishments. Mommy, I love you and rest assured that you have taught me well. Daddy, I love you, thanks for the advice (even though you are a tad bit long-winded), and for being there when I needed you. Larry, you

meathead. Keisha, You still get on my nerves, but I'll miss you. Tina, Grownie, I'm going to miss you. Rita, be good Molly, you're not grown yet. Farrah, Stop acting like you are shy, I know you are faking Ykaerf. Nikki, stay true to yourself no matter what anyone says and you'll be all right. You are still cool. To the rest of the class of '96 I will miss all of you (except Otiz and Rashaan) and I had a great time.

And to the remaining UHS family, I will cherish my memories here and I wish you all well. I just had to let you know how much I care...*Before I Let Go!*

Gladys McHenry



Gladys Patric'e McHenry, better known to others as Ric'e, would like to thank all of the people who have sponsored me throughout my endeavors. Although it's been a long, hard journey this stage in my life is finally over. My next step is to move on to college and strictly get money. I'd like to thank the most important people in my life. God, my Mother, Father, Gram, Indo, P.D., J. Londa, Darrell, Ron, Spritz, and Chic-Key Smallz. To my little sisters: Keep up

the good work and never give up. Much love to my friends that always seemed to get in trouble with me; Desi, Nina, Yasse, Nig, Meik, and Tanisha. Oh yeah, we can't forget little Brienne and Aquillah. When I think of University, I think of all the countless hours I spent in the main office for doing such things as cursing out the principal and getting suspended about four times. Remembering the time when Desi and I ignored the guard and she began to scream: "Well I

'm gonna tell Mrs. Culver, Mrs. Culver!" Also, the time when my mother put the guard in her place about her nasty disposition. But, these are all past events that occurred and I'm brightly looking toward the future.

Special thanks to my Mom and my Grandma who supported me all the way. I Love You!

Good Luck to the Class of 1996,
Before I Let Go!

Whakeela Mc Laughlin

Before I Let Go, I would like to thank my mother and father for being there when I needed them the most. Mainly for implanting in my mind that school was my first priority and that nothing came before it, not fun, nor shopping, nor the telephone.

Being in University High was a big experience for me. Changing from class to class, having seven different teachers, and trying to keep my grades up high was very hard. I must be the first to admit that I made it out of the sixty or so students, as a freshman enrolling in University and only having 32 seniors left. I feel mighty damn good about myself. I also feel that the hole I once couldn't jump over, I can now walk over because I filled it with the Knowledge I thought I never had.

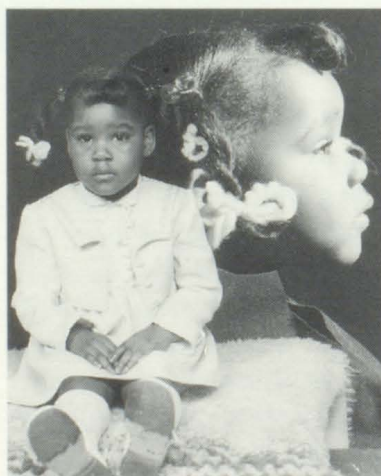
To the teachers that helped me cover that hole and you know who you are, I would like to give thanks. I give special thanks to Mrs. Noble for being there when I needed someone to talk to and needed a shoulder to cry on you were there those times I would not Let Go.

I would like to give a

mad shout-out to my click: Females with Props. Kit-ten, Winnie, Sarida, Quawna, Ke-Ke, and now



a new member La-La. We all had our bad times, but



doesn't everybody have them? For all y'all that left for whatever your reason may have been: You are still remembered throughout. To my girls Winnie,

Rida, and Sha'Ron: Y'all know you get mad props up in 1996. To my homie Mrs. Sawyer, the coolest lady in the world: I remember those days we used to just be up in the cafeteria, chillin' laid back.

To my best friend, Samantha: I'm really glad I sat down and recognized that a true friend is the one always there and a friend is someone who comes around when something happens, and they want to go back to tell their other friends. Samantha, you have been there since day one and

I've been there for you. True friends are what we are. I have known Lisette for a good time now, and she has also won a best friend award from me. Shout out to my Lil' Sister and my Big Sisters on Dead End. Peace Out.

Now it's time for the graduating Class of 1996. It's been four long years for some of us and I'm glad we made it. **Before I Let Go**, remembering back when we used to cut up in the bathroom and it seemed like a year before the bell would ring. Remember roaming the halls while we laughed at the ducks up in class doing their work. For all the underclassmen: "Get your Parents Permission First."

My four years at University High School have been filled with many different experiences. Since arriving here as a freshman, I have learned many valu-

at UHS through all the four years. To Desiree, who has always been a good friend and who has always made me laugh at everyone and everything. She has been

not forget those who left but were still good friends. Tameika, Carlissa, Shaquana, and Hekima: yes you were missed. In my opinion, my accomplishments

would not have been possible without the help of several people. To Mr. Davis who has always been there for me and every student at University. Your encouragement will always be appreciated. To Ms. Jones for your creativity and strong mind. To Ms. Hewitt, Ms. Barnes and Mrs. Alterie for making health and phys.ed. fun. Thanks to Mr. Brown and his useful help in computers and the SAT. Thanks to Ms. Gilmore, Ms. Ransome and Mrs. Gironda. Thanks to everyone in the guid-



able lessons. Many of our fellow classmates have left over the four years, but it is good to know that the rest of us have made it all the way!

These years have been made more enjoyable by some of my classmates as well as others at University. Thanks to my closest friends

there for me always and I will always be there for her troublesome self. (Just kidding, I will miss her.) To Tanisha, who always knows how to have fun, to Yasmin, who has always been crazy in a good way. To Ric'e, who has always been easy to talk to. I can

ance department with their help on many subjects. Special thanks to Ms. Noble and Mrs. Moore. And special thanks to my family whose support I know I'll always have. *Before I let go*, congratulations to the best class ever: The Class of '96.

Nina Mensah

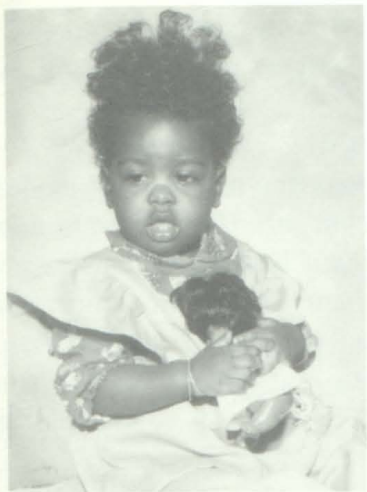
Todd Milledge



When I first stepped on the scene, many teachers were petrified, jetted back to the class, because of this freshman named Todd. Ha, ha, ha, would you have expected anything less than that from me? In my four years in University High, I have made a mark as being crazy, humorous, and fun loving, and it's all good. Seriously, none of this would have been possible without a great UHS family to keep me on my toes. That doesn't mean I'm going to men-

tion any of you. Well, I would like to say something to the few, the proud, the Senior boys: Rob, Konsep, Big Rah, Deuce, Shawn L. Oatmeal, Paul, Stacy, Stacey, Marv and Dane: I just want to say to all my sons that I am very proud of you to be apart of the graduating Class of ninety-six. Much love goes to the girls of '96, but it's to many of y'all to be writing down. As far as teachers go,

I have gone through both good and bad times. So to the teachers who like me, more power to you. And to the others....Well, last, but not least, I like to thank my family who were always on me to do well in life. So to Ma, Pop Dukes, and my sister Zipporah: I love you. Special love goes to my brother Adonis. Even though you have been gone for three years I love you and will always be there for you. See ya, when I see ya!



When I entered University High School in September of 1990, I was scared because my friends attended another school. I did not want to be here, and I was all alone. I did not think I could handle the transition from elementary school to high school, but I did and I thank God for it.

As time progressed, I learned to plan for the future, be responsible and always accept the challenge. There were days when I said, "I can't handle this anymore, I want to leave this school and go somewhere else." But someone was always there saying: "You can do it, be optimistic, if you can dream it, you can achieve it, you came this far and it doesn't make any sense to mess up now." University has prepared me for life by molding me into a well rounded, intelligent, young adult.

Before I Let Go, I would like to thank all the teachers and staff at University who pulled me up when they saw me falling. I would like to thank all the Gifted and Talented teachers, especially Ms. Edmonson and Mr. Moore for giving me the foundation in social studies and in science. To Mrs. Gironda:



Thank you for broadening my mind, and assigning an abundance of homework. Mr. Davis: Thank you for those

talks and giving me the confidence to achieve my goal. Thank you Mrs. Boxley for putting me into your zero period class and listening to my melodious voice. To all the gym teachers, especially Ms. Barnes, thank you for making me run that mile and making me do those sit-ups.

To the Patterson Clan (Shelton, Joie, Renee, Smilay, Tom, Tommy and Gregory), thank you for pestering me



twelve whole years; by pestering me all you did was push me to a greater level. To my two best friends: Aaliyah and Katrina, thanks you for cheering me up when I was down, our special talks, and most of all for being there when I needed you. To the one and only D.J. Fortune: Thank you for having faith in me, being there and putting me through that "rude awakening." To my dear mother and father: Thank you for staying on my back, making me get off the phone in the early part of the morning, and constantly telling me that the future is in my hands, I can choose to make it or break it. I Love You and I Will Not Let you down.

Before I Let Go, I would like to tell the Class of 1996 that anyone can be a nobody, but it takes a strong and wise person to become a somebody.

Thomasina Patterson

Keisha Peynado

Before I let go of my life at University High School, I would to recall some of my experiences and say thanks to everyone for making my years here all right. University has done its best to prepare me, for my life after high school. I remember when we used to have play fights after school, how carefree we were. How we forgot our problems and just had a little childish fun. I would like to say thanks to Miss Jones for all the times she let me free-load off her, to Mrs. Howard for being a very down to earth person, to Mrs. Jackson for the books and Mrs. Eckstein for keeping those books, to Mr. Davis for having such a positive attitude, to Mr. Thomas for just being a good person, to Mr. Charles for not failing me in French, to Mrs. Gironda for her understanding about me and debate. To my family thanks for your support. To Lakia for forgiving me and listening to me and helping me straighten out my prob-



lem; to Lauren for putting up with me and sharing her best friend. Shout out to Fatimah one of the sweetest people I have ever known; to Farrah (F.F.) for being so sweet, to Naritha: it was nice getting to know

you better; to Nikia stay true to yourself and keep being a sweetheart. University has been a home away from home and I hope it stays that way for everyone who comes here.

If you think you will regret something, don't do it: But if you do it, don't regret it.

No Regrets

University High School has been an unforgettable experience. During my 5 years here I have had many accomplishments and made many friends. I have also had many disappointments and problems.

I can remember...kissing Yasse' at the water fountain, "Mid-day Mix" in I.P.S., flipping through the hallways, blacking out on teachers, cutting classes, spraying people with fire extinguishers, hiking at the lunch table with the Weak Links, food fights with Zakiyyah, and being a Sophomore Stepper. My favorite memory is when, in my senior year, my mother came on the playground and snatched me into the building.

I'd like to send love to all of my people who didn't "survive"...Khadijah, Latisha, NiCole, Myaisha, Shaheerah, Shaaron, Shuqawana, Tameika, and Zakiyyah. You are still in my heart.

I'd like to give a shoutout to all the cliques of 96...The Weak Links, Mafia, Zodiacs, Da Arkade Gangstaz, Da Juvenile Dalinkwintz, Mystique, Moxy Clique, Ladies With Props, and new for 96 Da Plai Boiz.

But ***Before I Let Go...*** I'd like to give thanks to all of the people who helped me become the person I am NOW and to get to this milestone in my life.

To my family, especially my mother-Beverly Porter and my grandmother-Princess Hayes: for being on



my side, for letting me "grow up" and for just *everything*. I love you all because without the different personalities of all you in me, there is no Otiz- *thanks again*.

To all of the special teachers in my life: Ms. Gilmore, Mr. Hankerson, Mrs. Howard, and Mrs. Ransome: Thank you all for mixing sarcasm with learning to make me learn, keeping me in check, and most of all keeping me laughing! I appreciate it all now.

To Mr. Davis and Ms. Gruber: Thank you for

just being happy and teaching me to appear that way, even in the darkest situations.

To Ms. Barnes and Ms. Hewitt: Thank you for taking time to help me with basketball and pushing me to do my best.

Last, but certainly not least, to all my Friends: Thank you for listening to my problems-helping me cope, and for just simply being true.

I Love You All.

AND WE OUT IN 9-6

To anyone who thinks I forgot them...I didn't...I know what I wrote!

Otiz K. Porter

Fatimah Provillon

My years at University High School always seemed to be an eternity. Now, I have finally realized that they are indeed at an end. One thing I love about my six years here are the memories. I remember when I was in the eighth grade and I did Martin Luther King's *I Have A Dream Speech*. Needless to say it was a success no thanks to McCoy. I would like to extend my appreciation to Mrs. Gironda for not only becoming one of my favorite teachers, but also a very important friend. Also, Mr. Hankerson, I never told you this but you are definitely one of my favorites and you need to

become a minister or professor. Special thanks to Mrs. White, Mrs. Howard, Ms. Wing and Mrs. Moore. When I leave I want all to remember me for my insane sense of humor, warm personality and my singing. Dane, If you acted your age you'd be dead. You're just too old. Robert (Bert) Let's Go Karate Joe. Llanos (Picasso) Keep Being You! Carter (Carteris)

You are going to have a production company. And Congrats on being "Loafer of the Year". Rashaun (Gerb) We're still cool and I'm gonna miss you. Otiz



just sign up with Russell Simmons because you're already in. Lydell (Deuce): You're a nice person, at least towards me. Stacay (Stanky): Thanks for giving me a reason to call you stanky. Stacy (Stace): Ditch your brother he's horrible for your nice-guy image. Todd: Just sign up with Wu-Tang and you can be Ol' Chef Todd. And Keep being

crazy. Lauren (Lorine): You can have fifty thousand smackers! and a visit from Punjab. We love you Conrad.... Farrah (KY) Thanks for never letting me

down.. Keisha (Penaído) Give em heck and thanks for all your ideas and help. Nikia (Niggy) Stop being so nice. Be evil, like me. Naritha (Rita) Fauna says "Thanks For Everything". Lakia (Kia): Keep being smart and stay awake after you eat. Special, Yasi, Desi, Nina, Rice, Kim, Deah (Shut Up Wadeeah) Sam, Keelah, Paul, Trina, Thommy, Al and Marv: "I Love you guys and wish nothing but the best for you." I'm definitely going to remember my friends. "Flav Diggums" to Jawanda, even

though she left too early. Also diggities to Everybody in class of 1996 especially those at our table. KY, Niggy, Peniado, Rita, Lorine, Kia. Finally, for all who saw the standard yearbook grad picture, Sorry! I'm gonna miss you, U.H.S., But its time to move on. I hope you find a student as nice and comical as me. WISH ME LUCK !!!

Naritha Richards

The time has come in life for me to set all things aside and reminisce on the good times I had. But, first, I must leave behind my childish habits and accept the responsibility of adulthood.

My years at University High School was time well spent. Here, I learned how to deal with life, and trust me, it wasn't easy, but I made it! I had to overcome many obstacles, all of which aided in my learning process, but I wasn't alone.

There was always someone pushing me along-To them many thanks.

Truthfully, if it wasn't for Lakia and Lauren, I doubt I would have ever made it this far. Special thanks to them for being there when I really needed them and for their extra concern. To Keisha, thanks for making me laugh when I really needed it. To Nikia, and Fatimah you've been good friends when needed. To Farrah, you've been a great co-captain and a wonderful friend.

Thanx Partner! To Shawn, thanks for being my big brother, I could always count on you. To Shaun, thanks for being there when I needed someone to talk to. To Lydelle,

WE MADE IT, BABY! Remember me always. To Rashaan, a special friend, always there to make me laugh. Never forget me, 'cause I'll never forget you. To Sam thanks for teaching me to be grown. To Otiz, strike a pose! To everyone else, It has been real wonderful knowing you all. I wish you all the best luck in the future! But most of all, to the entire class of 1996, Congratulations!

To all of my teachers, thanks for your instruc-

Mr. Davis, for your positive motivation, Mr. Fahmy, for bringing out my potential math skills, Mrs. Boxley, for utilizing my talents, Ms. Hewitt, for advising me to do right, Ms. Wing, for your endless generosity (thanks for taking me to Washington D.C.) and Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Blackmon, for always believing in me. All of my teachers played an important role in molding me into what I now am. I thank you all very much. To my parents, Thanks for leading me in the right direction, especially my mother, for her

extra concern for my education. To my sisters, Nadine, Lisa, and Monique, I don't know what I would do without you all. I love you with all my heart. And last, but certainly not least, I thank God for his presence in my life. I believe that without him, I probably would not be here today.

Our journey is not over, only half complete. But reflect on these things to help you down the road,

Always have

faith and recall the fond memories,

All these things I say to you,...

Before I let go!!!



tions. Especially Ms. Mahon, for your guidance through my hardships, Ms. Jones and her "motherly love", Ms. Gironda for teaching me that "the butt (butt) follows the comma",

Desiree Roberson



Before I let go, I want to say congratulations to the class of "96"! Keep striving for success, much love! Desiree' b.k.a. Desi or Pooch. Although University High does not have a lot of people (male cuties) like public schools and we must work harder, we do have some fun! University was a very different environment for me, it was hard all through, but I survived! University has helped me to show some of my talents and also to proceed with my primary goals and focuses in life. It was boring at times but we did have fun. I will miss everyone and I hope to see y'all soon. To all the undergraduates stay strong and be survivors. I really want to tell my little sisters Amirah and Natalyah to keep

working hard and follow your dreams!

Thank you to all the teachers I have come across that made me do the work I did not want to do. Even though I did not realize it then, you helped me! Thanks Mr. Davis for all your enlightenment. I'll miss you Hewitt and Gilmore, thanks for the volleyball practice, strong and sweet.

My first year at University High, I was quiet and stayed to myself, sat in the back of every class and laughed at everyone acting up. In the tenth grade I started talking to more people and being a little louder. Eleventh grade was the year when I just went all out. I was loud and didn't care. This was the year I started hanging with Ric'e and acting like a ma-

niac! I always remembered having to calm down Ric'e and Nina, when they got out of hand. Nina was my closest friend in all my high school years. She nagged me all the time, but she was very helpful. I'll miss you Nina! This is my last year, and I am so happy. Everyone knows me now and knows when I'm around because I am so loud. Ric'e, Nina, Yasse, Melk, Nig and Tanisha keep it real! I'll miss messing with you Farrah (Peggy/Grownie/Twin). Nikia stay sweet. Kim keep praying that cray. I'll miss you Lydelle, stay in touch, I'll miss you Boo. I remember being bothered by all the boys especially Shawn, the twins, and Otiz. I know what that means! Otiz, watch your back, I'll see you again! No, I'll miss you Otie.

Before I let go, I want to give thanks to God. I would like to say thank you to my mommy, I miss you and I love you. Daddy thanks for being tough and also sweet. Nanny, stay strong and good luck to you and my favorite Uncle Sal.. To my sister and my brother keep giving me a hard time. Makia stay strong, when or if you need me, I'll always be there. John keep being a sexy Casanova. Aquillah, my niece you can always call my name, and Aquill, my nephew, be a good boy and keep looking up! To my best friend Wykla B.k.a. Silver, I will never forget you, stay sweet and finish school. I will always be there for you. Thanks Ms. Verdell for being my guide when I needed you. Quan keep acting up and watching Doodoodoodoo, you know what I mean. Na-Naaa I'll miss you, your loud mouth. See you soon big brothers from the lot. Much love to Tikal, Buhdah, Tyheed and all others whom I missed. Save the best for last: To Antoine I'll miss you and I'll never forget you. Please stay strong and do the right thing. If you need me just call.

Before I let go I want to give all my love to the Class of '96"

It's finally here! After 6 long years from University's Gifted and

Talented Program to the present day, I have finally made it to my last year. Despite the hundreds of hours (perhaps thousands) I spent studying for my test

(Mrs. Marie Gironda's test took over half those hours alone), I have really enjoyed myself here and the many academic challenges thrust upon me. When I first

came here in the seventh grade it was doubtful as to whether I would make it. I remember complaining about the loads of homework my teacher would distribute (especially those current events Ms. Theresa Edmunson assigned).



Now I'm GRADUATING, but *Before I Let Go* I must give thanks to many wonderful

and interesting people I've met. I owe a forever living debt of gratitude to Mrs. Gironda. You



pushed us to do better when we thought we had done all we could do. (Of course we were wrong everytime). I hope you find "Pax en Tierra." To Mrs. Wing, I'll miss your class. I had a lot of fun while learning. To Ms. Barnes, you kept me on my toes when my gym period came along. To Mrs. Boxley, thanks for the inspirational music from your zero period class and your caring talks. To Mr. Davis, thanks for being the one always with an optimistic outlook in an overall pessimistic world. To Mr. R. Moore, thanks for laying down the foundation for my pursuing science career.

You know I have to give my two BEST friends, Thomasina and Aaliyah, a few lines of their own. We've

grown together, checked out the guys, bugged out and became sisters. I'm so glad I met the two of you. I hope we don't have to depart when college rolls around, but in any case I sincerely wish the best of luck to the both of you. I hope you reach every goal and aspiration your heart can ever desire. Thanx for being there!

Also, I would like to thank my Sweetheart, Hasain. I know our relationship will get better and better. Thanks for all you've done to help me accomplish this. Your one and only. **XOXOOXX!!**

Next I would like to thank my family. To Tabitha, Ralph, and Aunt Sinda, thanks for the words of encouragement and everlasting support. To Grandma and Pa-Pa, I heeded your advice "Get your lesson baby before anything else. Get your lesson." To Mommy, there are not words to express how much I admire you, thank you and I truly LOVE you. I'm proud to be your daughter.

Last but not least, I

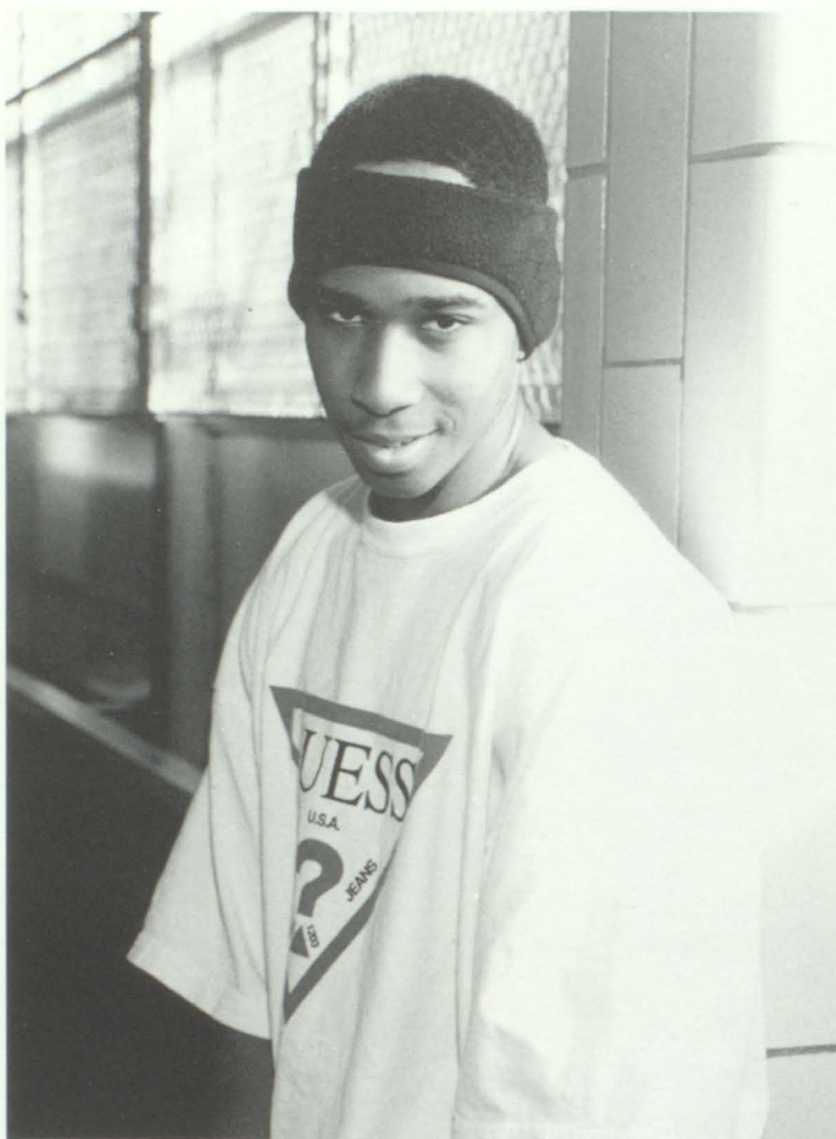


would like to give thanks to God. Without him, nothing would be possible.

P.S. Best wishes to University High School's Class of 1996!

Katrina Stubbs

Paul Sweatte



The time has finally come for me to say goodbye
To the faces and places that I've known, I won't cry.
'Cause falling on my face in the relay race
Is one of many bad memories I have of this place.
There's alot I'd like to forget, or rather let go,
In my mind once I leave UHS behind.
But there's also many people that I'm gonna remember:
Rashaan, Todd, Konsep, Dane, and the Twins.
I'm gonna miss y'all once our time in high school ends.
Niki, Farrah, Timah, Thomasina, and Trina
It was nice being friends, but now my life begins.
Thanks to the teachers that helped me through the years:
Davis, Mrs. Gironda, Ms. Wing, and Mr. Moore.
I don't know where I'm headed, but when I let go
Of this school, I'm sure the memories
Will be something special to me.

Wadeeah Terry

To discover new oceans, you must lose sight of the

ize that it pertained to my life.

I've been in Uni-

Being here at University has been a wonderful experience. Not only did I learn, but I met new people. During the course of my years here, not everyone who began their schooling here when I first started remained. A lot of them were friends. I miss them dearly, but I have to continue doing my work so I don't end up like those who had to leave because of their grades. Even though you're not here with me now, I hope that you become a success and continue to improve in those areas that weaken you.

Achievements that I have accomplished I have worked hard for, and they have motivated me to keep on achieving. Once I attend college, I will continue to do my best. All of my hard work that I put into school

will reflect what kind of person I will become: a very successful African American woman, and I owe it all to my mother, the one who supported and inspired me to do well.

versity High School for 6 years, and now the time has come for me to leave this shore of mine and go off to college, where I can discover new things and have new experiences.

shore." This quote was told to me by a teacher, while I was attending the Rutgers Pre-College Program. When I was heard this quote, it really caught my attention. It made me real-



Kimberly Tolbert

Upon entering UHS as a freshman, I expected cold, heartless classmates, mean hasslers for teachers, and a difficult curriculum. I was right about the curriculum, but those cold, heartless classmates became my psychological brothers and sisters whom I love and care for deeply. Those mean teachers turned out to be wonderful, caring, loving, sharp and witty people who helped bring out the best in me, and accept nothing less.

To my favorite Teachers: Ms. Tracey Brown (former Substitute), Ms. Gilmore, Ms. Gruber, Mr. Hankerson, Ms. Hewitt, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Ransome and Mr. Thomas: Thanks for being concerned, honest, good advisors, excellent educators, and all around marvelous people. I love and will miss you all.

To my closest friends:
There is no need to list names,

Thanks for helping to soothe my woes, calm my fears, cheer me up when I'm sad, and understanding



me. I love you and I promise to keep in touch.

To my Dad:
I love you and I appreciate the sacrifices you made to get me this far. Thanks for all the talks, lectures, arguments, and strict rules. I now understand that it was only to make me a

better person. I truly thank God for you and I pray that you will live to see me go even further in life.

Before I let go, I must say... To the Class of '96: Well, we're here and we've definitely come a long way. Thanks for all the laughs, the few cries and even the times of brief anger. It only goes to show that we are and always will be a family. I love you all!

As I begin to shed tears of sadness, I

must conclude by saying: Four years at UHS have not only prepared me for some of the obstacles that I may encounter in the future, but it has been a very unforgettable experience.

I'll write to you from the US Supreme Court.
Love, Kim

Dane Tomlin

Let me start by saying I'm glad to finally leave this school. Don't get me wrong, I did make it fun when I was here. Remember when everybody got in trouble at some point in our freshman year. Remember when Mr. Thomas and I got into a pushing match in my sophomore year. Well those days are gone, but we still have the memories.

I would like to tell all the teachers who gave me trouble: "It's all Good!" Mr. Ziering I accept your silent apology and I am here to refresh your memory, too. Do you remember me saying "I am a black man?" Ms. Jackson, I accept your silent apology for failing me my freshman year. To all substitutes who assumed they could control me that's too bad.

Shout outs to teachers I like is no problem. Shout out to Ms. Jones for being a good teacher and friend. Mr. Thomas, thanks for giving me the incentive to try to get back in this school. Mr. Davis thanks for always trying to motivate me in all my subjects. Mr. Brown, thanks for the computer knowledge. Ms. Ransome, keep

teaching chemistry until the roosters come home.

Shout out to my sons Rashaan, Todd, Stacy and Stacey. If I ever need a place to stay, I know my boys will look out for their father. Shout out to Shaun Carter. Shout out to Duece. Shout out to the brother who is no longer with us, Naeem Cain. Shout out to Nakia for being a good friend and putting up with me for 4 years. Shout out to Farrah.

Stop hitting people because you are heavy handed. Shout out to Fatimah for I am not an old man, I'm just slightly insane. Shout out to my mother for supporting me through the four years even though I may have been the cause of two gray hairs. Shout out to LaShire my little sister in the 7th grade. Shout outs to the Class of '96. Class of '96: We thought these days would never come. So now that they are here, let's keep it real. I'm out for the '95-'96 era son.



Lasette Vasquez

Over the past four years in which I have attended University



High, I must say that it has been a difficult journey. I've had my good times and my bad times. I lost one of my best friends (R.I.P. Rob.) Although I've had problems with a few of my teachers, I still love them all.

In this journey called UHS, I critically have had my doubts, but now I've made it. There are so many kids that I know didn't make it. For all of the people

who doubted: "Look at me Now!" So as a senior, I would like to give special thanks to

Mrs. Johnson for staying on and encouraging me to do what I had to do. Ms. Sanford, I want you to know that I know you worked hard for us to be involved in everything. You are the best and I'd like to thank you for that. Mr. Hayes, Ms. Muhammed,

Ms. Stevenson, I thank you also.

Most of all, I would like to honor and give thanks to the two most important and special people in my life. My Mom and Dad. Thanks for all you have put up with and I love you both. To my sisters Myra and Maritza: thank you too, for staying

by my side.

Samantha, Ke-Ke, Ralph Joy and my cousin Awilda. Thanks for always being there when I needed you all in good times or bad. Thank to my best friend Sharee. You are understanding when others are not.

Shout-outs to my girls. Shout outs to my Boyz from Bedrock and Sheba. R.I.P. Lil Berry and Lil Jerry.

Love to all my family members and Good Luck to the Class of 1996.

Lasette Vasquez "La-La"



Marvin Waterman

At University High at first I've found myself feeling lonely, knowing only David, Sharon and Tanisha from my previous school. Coming to University High I thought would be



like my other school, I thought I would be the only one in the class who did well. But soon I realized that everyone here was equally smart. I was no longer the smartest one in my class, as I have been all my life. There is much more competition in here than there was at my previous schools. selors at Uni-

versity high have introduced me to a world I have never known to exist. I was involved with ACT-SO, Academic Decathlon, and anything else that my heart desired. I would like to thank everyone for giving all these opportunities to me. The opportunity to expand what I

know best and allow me to do my best at NJIT. I will never forget my teachers for what they have done for me.

Finally, of course, The Class of '96. The best times I had in any school have been here with the Class of 1996. You have given me the best times of my life. We are like a big family because we are the smallest class in this school. To survive, everyone sticks together. Although, at first I did not get along with people, I soon became friends with everybody. I am happy to say this is the only class where I have gotten along with everybody.

I would like to give a shout-out to all the guys: Rashaan, Dane, Stacy, Stacay, Shaun, Otiz, Todd, Robert and anyone else I missed. Thank you for making my four years at University competitive and full of excitement.

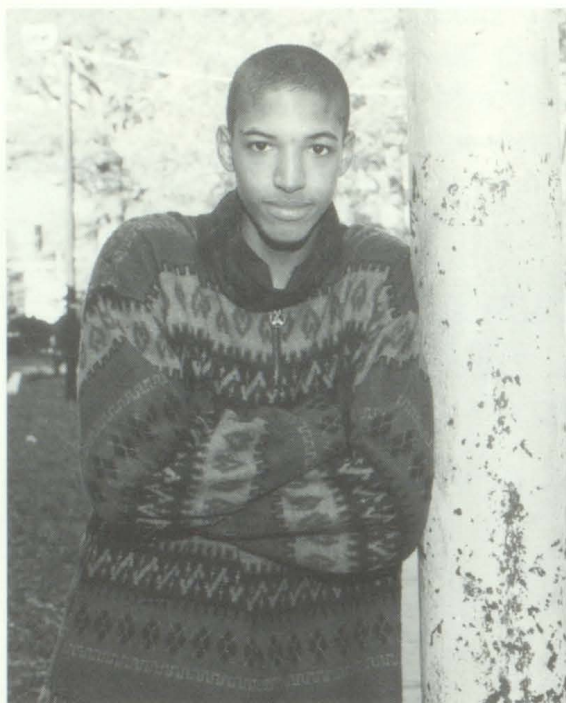
I would also like to give a special thanks to all the sweethearts in the class: Desiree, Tanisha, Ric'e, Kim, Wadee'ah, Nikia, Nina, Farrah, and all the other young ladies in the class. You have made my life full of excitement, and I thank you for believing and trusting me.

Stacey A. Williams

Has it been six years, already? What an experience! *Before I let go* I have to say that University has helped me grow from an immature adolescent into a young man who is ready to enter the world of success. But there are many questions to be answered. Have I acquired anything from this school? I can begin by saying that I determined who I am and who I want to be. I have determined the difference between real friends and phony friends. I have learned that it is better to be studious than the class clown.

Special thanks to God and my moms most of all. They have been my greatest inspiration. Special thanks to Jason. Even though he was a huge nag, he kept me on point. I love you Jay. Special thanks to Bernidine for keeping Jason off my back. Special thanks to Kevin for being my bodyguard since the 8th grade. Special thanks to Stacy for trying to look like me. To my parent/teachers: Mr. Hankerson, Mrs. Moore, Ms. Wing, Mrs. Jones, whom I have known since 6th grade, Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Andrews and Mr. C: Keep the school in order and hope that you find another student like me. (There are none). Extra-special thanks to Mrs. Boxley for being my constant inspiration. She has stayed by my side since the 7th

grade and I cannot even begin to describe how much I'll miss her. Very special thanks to Ms. Hewitt for being a constant inspiration too. Ms.



Hewitt has also been my side since 7th grade, and it will be hard to cope with losing her. Many special thanks to Mr. Davis for making a bold young man. Without his training I

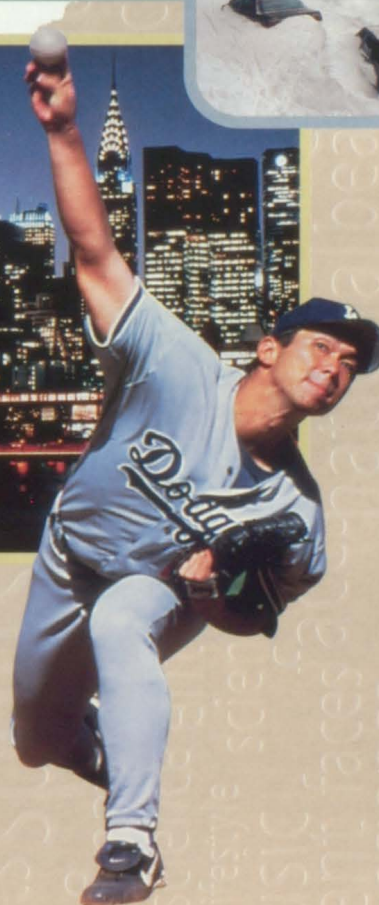
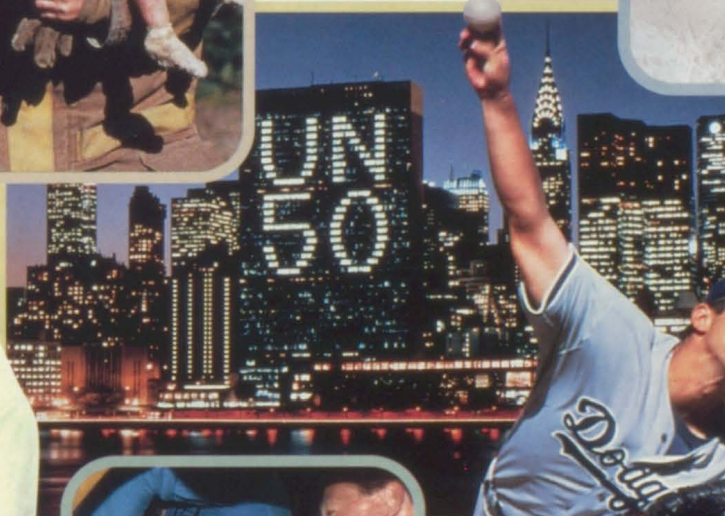


would still be that same shy boy I was known to be. Very special thanks to Mrs. Gironda. She has shown me that there is no easy way out of anything. And last but not most certainly not least, big special thanks to Mrs.

Rivera-Cruz. She is like a sister to me and I hope that we can keep in touch. Peace to all the 5 year students. Oops, there is only one. I'll remember you always, Otiz. Peace to T-Bone, keep trying to dunk that ball. Peace to Nikia, Shaun, Rashaan and Dane. Thanx to Rob for being my best friend since the 8th grade. Peace to my 8th grade fan club. Now you all have to find someone else to irritate. Prunella, I will miss you so much, and remember that I'll keep in touch. To Michelle: All I can say is that I love you, and I'll miss you. Just remember to keep Melvin on point. To Safanya: Stay pretty and try not to forget me cause I know I will not forget you. Peace to Desi and I will never forget you. To Tenneil: I will miss you very much, and I hope we can keep in touch. Peace to Green-Booty. Shoutouts to the whole Senior Class. It has been a rather odd four years, because I did not know we would end up with only 32 students and that we could stick together with eminent unity. I'll miss you all and

I do not think you will ever find another class with as many comedians as the class. "The Class of '96 Persist!"

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G. Korganow, Gamma/Liaison

French transportation workers strike against their government throughout the month of December, shutting down the airlines and the metro system, after France increases the retirement age from 50 to 55 and lengthens the work week from 37 to 39 hours in efforts to cut spending.

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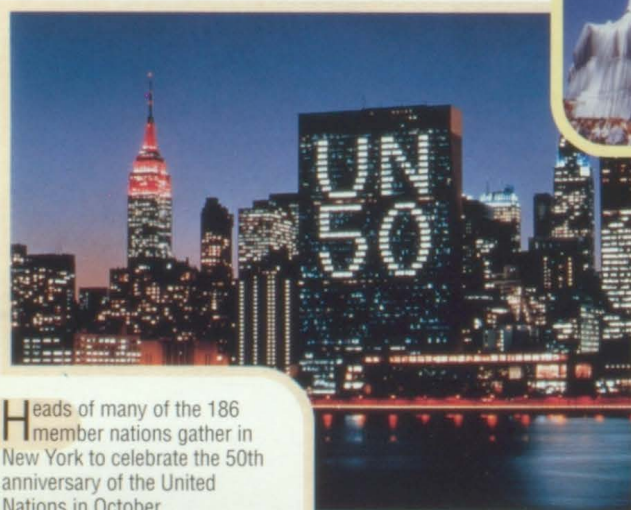


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Pope John Paul II visits New Jersey, New York and Maryland, and addresses the United Nations. He speaks out on social, economic, political and moral themes.



In late May, a doctor performs emergency surgery aboard British Airways flight 32 using a coat hanger, a knife and fork, and a scissors sterilized in brandy to save a woman whose life is threatened by a collapsed lung.



Schneider Pool from Gamma/Liaison

Heads of many of the 186 member nations gather in New York to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the United Nations in October.



Philippe Giraud, Sygma

Tahitian protests escalate into riots after France detonates a nuclear test device 750 miles from the South Pacific island. France's September resumption of tests after a three-year moratorium brings global condemnation.



John Fearn, Sygma

In a powerful address to the U.N.'s Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China, attended by 30,000 women from 180 countries, U.S. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton declares, "Women's rights are human rights," to a desk-thumping, applauding audience.



Dan Dean, Gamma/Liaison

Shock waves hit the Middle East when Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is shot and killed while leaving a peace rally in Tel Aviv November 4. His murderer, Jewish extremist Yigal Amir, fanatically opposes peace negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization.



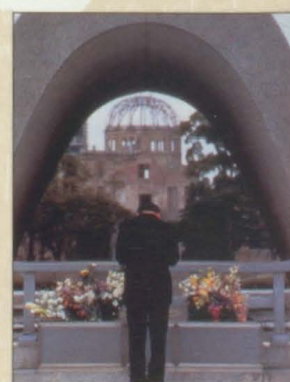
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Marxist Cuban President Fidel Castro abandons his Havana cigar and military fatigues for a suit and tie on a diplomatic visit to New York in October, where he tries to convince the U.S. to lift its 33-year-old trade embargo on still-communist Cuba.



Jiji Press/AFP from Bettmann

Madman Shoko Asahara, leader of the Japanese apocalyptic religious cult, Aum Shinrikyo, is arrested on May 16 and charged with the Tokyo subway nerve-gas attack that left 12 people dead and injured 5,500 more in March.



John Van Munching, AP/Wide World

Fifty years after the end of World War II, Japan remembers those killed by the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima. A solitary building left standing after the blast, now a memorial called the Atomic Bomb Dome, symbolizes the horrors of war and the price of peace.

An earthquake kills 51 people on the resort-studded Pacific coast of Mexico. The quake measures 7.5 on the Richter scale and is felt 330 miles away in Mexico City.



AP/Wide World



J. Ficara, Sygma

The first U.S. president to visit Northern Ireland, President Clinton receives a warm Christmas welcome for his show of support for peace between Irish Protestants and Catholics.

Hurricane Marilyn inflicts millions of dollars of damage in the Virgin Islands in September. Winds up to 127 miles per hour severely damage half the homes on St. Thomas.



G. Williams, Gamma Liaison

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In November, the Republic of Ireland narrowly passes a referendum calling for an end to the country's 1937 constitutional ban on divorce.

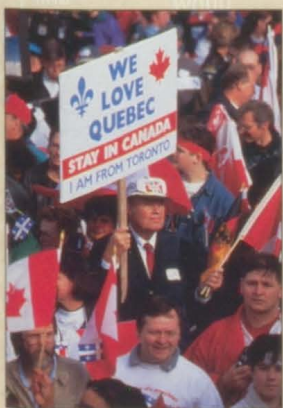
While competing in an international balloon race in September, two hot air balloonists, one English and one American, are shot down when their balloon floats off course over Belarus. The Belarussian army sees the balloon as a security threat and fires without warning. The balloonists fall to their death.

More than four years after Desert Storm, Iraq's President Saddam Hussein remains in power, though two of his sons-in-law defect to Jordan on August 8 and call for Hussein's overthrow.



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Hope blooms for peace in Bosnia when Bosnia's President Izetbegovic (left) shakes hands with Serbia's President Milosevic on the opening day of the November cease-fire talks in Dayton, Ohio. Croatia's President Tudjman looks on. The ensuing Paris peace agreement of December sends 60,000 NATO peacekeeping troops to the war-torn country.



Brooks Kraft, Sygma

Quebec, Canada's largely French-speaking province, defeats an October referendum on Quebec independence by a margin of less than one percent.



Thomas Renaut, Gamma Liaison

In July, without public explanations, Burma's military rulers free the country's most famous political prisoner, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, leader of the pro-democracy movement and Nobel peace laureate, after six years of house arrest.



Clive Brunskill, Altopost

Russian figure skater Sergei Grinkov, 28, collapses and dies from a heart attack during practice with his wife-partner Ekaterina Gordeeva on November 20. The pair won two Olympic gold medals and four world pairs titles.



Gamma Liaison

Great Britain's Princess Diana shocks Buckingham Palace with a tell-all BBC interview. Defying royal protocol, she discusses her marriage to unfaithful husband, Prince Charles, her struggle with depression and bulimia, and an extramarital affair. The majority of English people express their support and sympathy.



AP/Wide World

Securities trader Nicholas Leeson is arrested in Germany in March 1995 for fraud, forgery, and breach-of-trust. Leeson racked up a \$1.32 billion loss that caused the collapse of Barings PLC, the 233-year-old British bank.

national news

A San Francisco sewer line bursts under pressure from battering rainstorms, creating a monster sinkhole that swallows a \$2-million house in the Sea Cliff district. One-hundred-mile-per-hour winds knock out power to tens of thousands of homes and nearly blow a truck off the Bay Bridge.



Brant Ward, San Francisco Chronicle/Gamma/Liaison

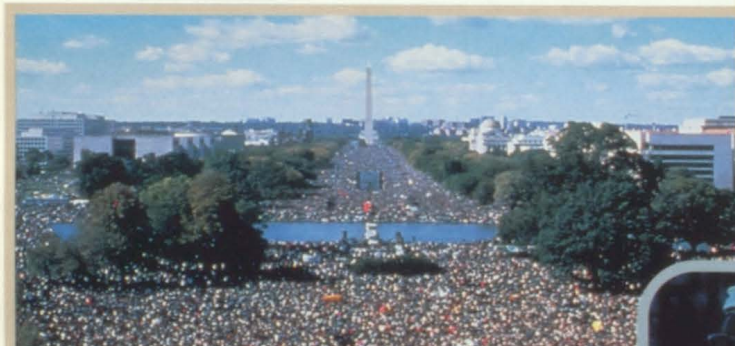
Three days of drenching rains in the Pacific Northwest swell rivers to overflowing, causing severe flooding in Washington in December. In the town of Carnation, a pastor conveys a woman to dry land with a wheelbarrow.



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The federal government repeals the national 55-mile-per-hour highway speed limit, enacted in 1974 during the oil embargo. The legislation allows states to set their own limits. On Montana highways, speed limits are eliminated completely.



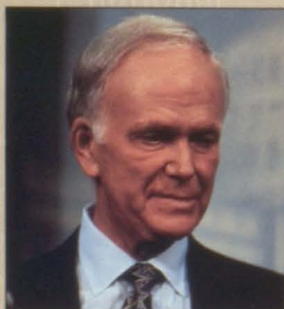
Larry Downing, Sygma

African-American men from across the country converge on Washington, D.C., for the Million Man March on October 16. The march, led by Nation-of-Islam minister Louis Farrakhan, promotes African-American unity, dignity, and family values.



AFP/Bettmann

Air Force Captain Scott O'Grady (right) is rescued from pursuing Bosnian Serb forces by U.S. Marines on June 8, six days after his plane is shot down over Bosnia. O'Grady survived on insects, plants, and rainwater.



Markell, Gamma/Liaison



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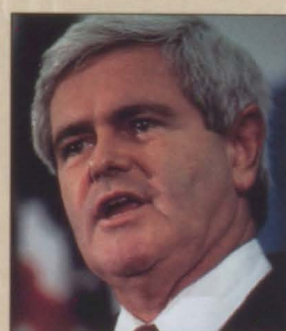
U.S. Senator Bob Packwood of Oregon resigns on September 7, the day after the Senate Ethics Committee voted to expel him for sexual misconduct, embarrassingly detailed in his diaries, which were made public.

The nation comes to a standstill on October 3 as more than 150 million people watch live TV coverage of the trial of the century. After less than four hours of deliberation, the jury finds former football star O.J. Simpson not guilty of the murders of his ex-wife Nicole and her friend Ronald Goldman.



Scott Olson, Sipa Press

Illinois suffers a record heat wave in July, with temperatures as high as 104°. The heat takes the lives of 457 people statewide. At Wrigley Stadium, Jaime Navarro helps faithful Chicago Cubs fans stay cool.



Gifford, Gamma/Liaison

After a year of fame as a conservative revolutionary, Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich slumps in popularity, tainted by the government shutdown, his stalled Contract With America, and investigations into his political action committee and his financial affairs.



Lee Stone, Sygma

Two-thousand volunteer firefighters battle a raging wildfire in eastern Long Island, New York, for three days in August. The fire, following a 21-day drought, consumes 5,500 acres of pine barrens and damages a dozen homes. There are no injuries or fatalities.

The image of firefighter Chris Fields holding one-year-old Baylee Almon, who later dies, comes to symbolize the horror of the April 19 bombing of the Oklahoma City Federal Building that killed 150 adults and 19 children.

As more Americans invest, Wall Street enjoys a bull market. In November, the Dow-Jones Industrial Average hits 5000, a milestone indicating healthy corporate profits and low interest rates.

flash

Despite Americans' doubts and fears, U.S. troops head for Bosnia in December. The 20,000 U.S. forces, serving under NATO command beside 40,000 European allies, face the task of keeping peace among the country's warring Serbs, Croats and Muslims.

The State of South Carolina sentences Susan Smith to life in prison for the drowning murder of her two young sons in 1994.

An anonymous donor sends St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis \$1 million in the form of a winning ticket from McDonald's November "Monopoly" sweepstakes game.

In the wake of a growing number of random attacks from assailants with knives and guns, White House security is forced to close Pennsylvania Avenue to traffic.

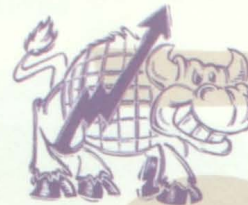
After allegedly ignoring federal pollution regulations for years, General Motors agrees under threat of an \$11-million fine to recall 500,000 Cadillacs at a cost of \$45 million.



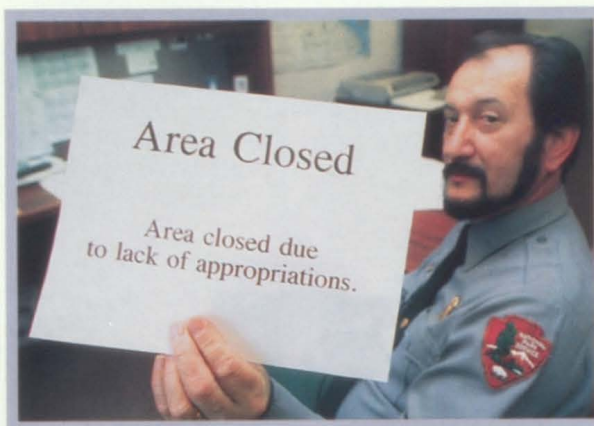
Charles H. Porter, IV, Sygma



Zielenbach, Chicago Tribune from Gamma/Liaison



On April 30, the adoptive parents of four-year-old "Baby Richard" comply with an Illinois court order to turn the child over to his biological parents.



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The government shuts down for six days in November after the President and Congress fail to agree on how to balance the federal budget. The shutdown affects non-essential federal services, including the National Park Service. A longer shutdown follows in December.



AP/Wide World

A record snowfall paralyzes the East Coast in January 1996, stranding travelers and killing 100 people. Seven states, from Virginia to Massachusetts, declare emergencies. Philadelphia gets 30.7 inches of snow.



AP/Wide World

Warren E. Burger, Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court from 1969 to 1986, dies in June at age 87. Though appointed by President Richard Nixon, he ordered Nixon to turn over tapes in the Watergate hearings that effectively ended the president's career.



AP/Wide World

The Washington Post publishes a manifesto written by the unidentified killer known as "The Unabomber," at large since 1978 and wanted for 16 mail bombs that have killed 3 and injured 23. FBI agents scrutinize the article for clues to the bomber's identity.



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A Chicago commuter train slams into the back end of a loaded school bus. The accident, allegedly caused by a poorly timed stoplight placed too near the tracks, kills 7 students and injures 28 on October 25.



Bettmann Archive

American women celebrate the 75th anniversary of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which granted women the right to vote. Women's suffrage leader Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906) first organized the fight for suffrage in 1848.

science news

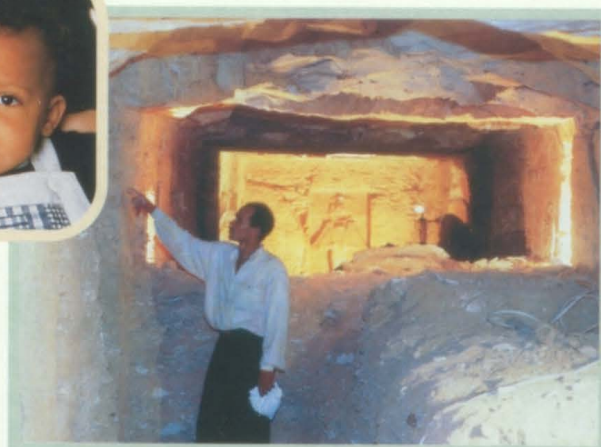
Wubbo De Jong/Het Parool from Sygma

As the result of an improperly cleaned test tube at a fertility clinic, a woman in the Netherlands gives birth to twin boys, each from a different father.



NASA

A stunning photograph from the Hubble Space Telescope captures a moment in the birth of a star in the Eagle Nebula, 7,000 light years from Earth. Light from the young star's nuclear furnace lifts towering pillars of hydrogen gas and interstellar dust.



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In March, the Federal Drug Administration approves a chicken-pox vaccine. Rarely fatal, chicken-pox affects 3.7 million Americans annually.

Archaeologists discover a 3,000-year-old tomb in May that is believed to hold the remains of 52 sons of Ramses II, Pharaoh of Egypt.



Dr. Jeffrey Fried, Gamma/Liaison

Researchers announce that they have isolated a gene in mice linked to obesity. Mice with a mutated OB gene are injected with the hormone leptin, resulting in dramatic weight loss. The public is tantalized at the prospect of leptin as a slimming treatment for use in humans.



© Cincinnati Zoo

The world's first test-tube gorilla is born at the Cincinnati Zoo in October as part of an effort to save the western lowland gorilla, an endangered species that numbers fewer than 450 animals.



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Fossils of a jawbone (left) and leg bone (right) found in Kenya in August reveal a previously unknown species of upright hominid that lived four million years ago, pushing the emergence of bipedalism back half a million years. Walking upright is a key adaptation that separates humans from apes.



Vai Mazzeaga/Chicago Tribune

Media attention focuses on melatonin, a naturally occurring hormone used to induce sleep and slow the effects of aging. Lauded as a wonder drug, a kilogram of synthetic melatonin sells for as much as \$10,000.



AP/Wide World

In a procedure known as tissue engineering, scientists grow a human ear under the skin of a laboratory mouse. Researchers hope the procedure will play an important role in the future of transplant surgery.



AP/Wide World

As a protective measure against counterfeiting in the era of digital publishing, the Treasury Department redesigns U.S. currency bills, to be issued over the next five years, starting early 1996 with the new \$100 bill.

Former rivals in space become comrades in space after the historic docking of the U.S. space shuttle *Atlantis* and Russia's *Mir* space station on June 29. Astronaut Robert Gibson (in red) greets cosmonaut Vladimir Dezhurov.



In June, volcanic eruptions give birth to a baby island. A new member of the Tonga Islands emerges near New Zealand, 900 feet high and 140 feet wide.



AP/Wide World

After a decade-long search, scientists isolate what may be the most important cancer-related gene. The defective gene known as ATM is associated with cancers of the breast, colon, lung, stomach, pancreas and skin, and may be carried by two million Americans.

Astronomers using the Hubble Space Telescope observe new moons orbiting the planet Saturn, adding at least 2 moons and possibly 4 to Saturn's previously known total of 18.

A team of French and British explorers believe they have found an ancient breed of horse previously unknown to scientists. In November, the four-foot high horse with a triangular head, which resembles the vanished horses of European Stone Age drawings, is named Riwoche for its home region in Tibet.

October satellite photographs show the recent rapid deterioration of the earth's ozone layer above Antarctica. Pollutants produced mostly by the U.S. cause the hole in the atmosphere's protective layer to increase to the size of Europe.

Buyers rush to stores for the new computer operating system Windows 95, spurred by Microsoft Corp.'s \$700-million publicity barrage and the promise of a friendlier interface.



A. Tannenbaum, Sygma

The movie *Apollo 13* opens in the summer after filming many of its scenes inside NASA's "zero gravity" plane, which mimics the weightlessness astronauts experience in space by diving into a 23-second freefall.



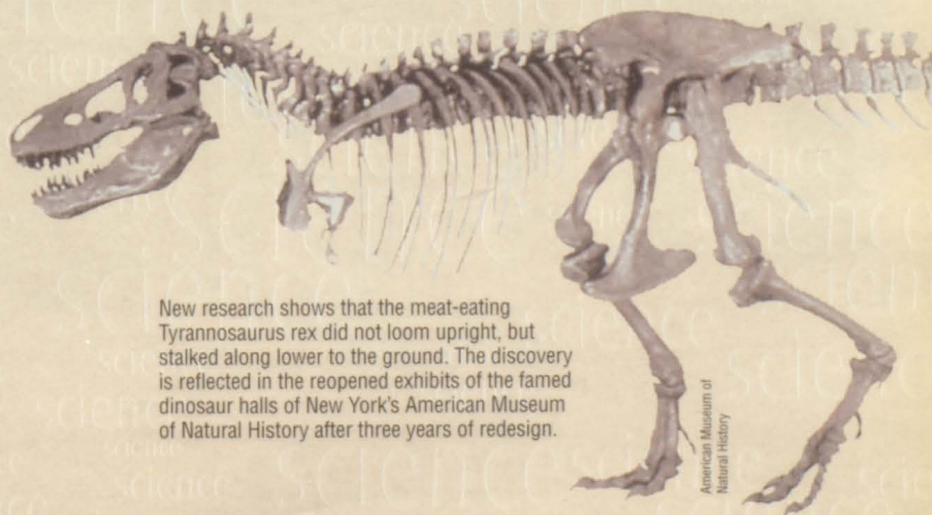
VISA International

In November, Visa introduces a cash-storage card that eliminates a pocketful of loose change. A chip in the plastic card tracks the amount of available cash, which is accessed with a reader at the place of purchase. The card can be taken to the bank and reloaded.



Nintendo of America

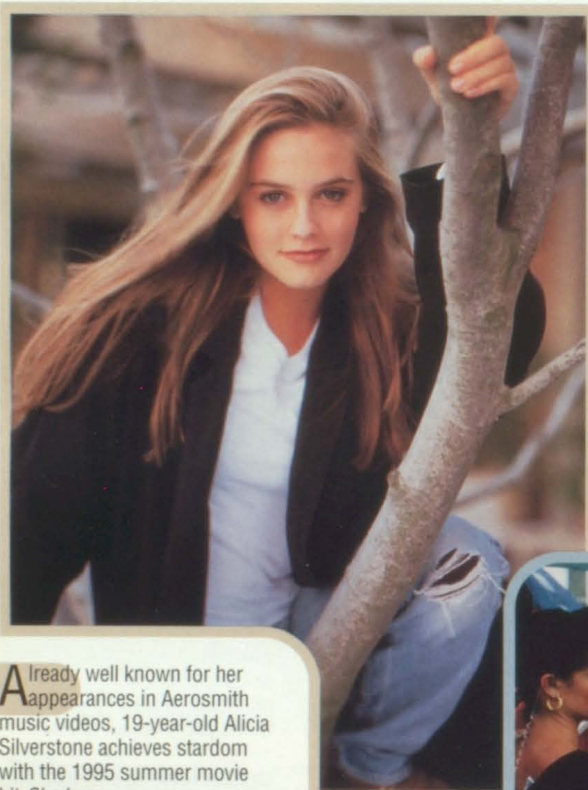
Now virtual reality comes in a handy travel size with Nintendo's latest, Virtual Boy, a portable 3-D video-game system with stereophonic sound.



New research shows that the meat-eating *Tyrannosaurus rex* did not loom upright, but stalked along lower to the ground. The discovery is reflected in the reopened exhibits of the famed dinosaur halls of New York's American Museum of Natural History after three years of redesign.

American Museum of Natural History

faces in the news



Dana Fineman, Sygma

Already well known for her appearances in Aerosmith music videos, 19-year-old Alicia Silverstone achieves stardom with the 1995 summer movie hit *Clueless*.



J.L. Bulcao, Gamma/Liaison

With \$150,000 saved during her 75 hardworking years as a washerwoman, Oseola McCarty establishes a scholarship fund for African-American students at the University of Southern Mississippi. For her selflessness, she is awarded the Presidential Citizens Medal.



Ron Davis, Shooting Star

Pamela Lee of "Baywatch" fame and husband Tommy Lee, Motley Crüe drummer, are the life of the party this year, frequently caught by the press engaging in public displays of affection.



Bill Jordan, Charleston Post Courier from Sipa Press

Trailblazer Shannon Faulkner (hand to head) withdraws from the Citadel after collapsing during "hell week." Faulkner singlehandedly attempted to bust the gender barrier at the all-male South Carolina military institution.



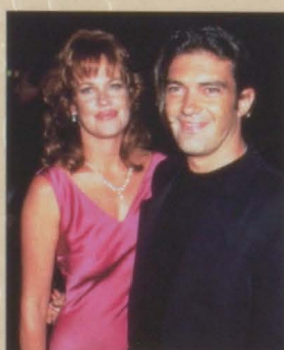
Frank Caprio/Sipa from Archive Photos

Millions of Americans tune in to Martha Stewart's TV show, subscribe to her magazine, and read her books. The popular cooking and home-decorating entrepreneur builds an empire by packaging a distinctive American nostalgic style.



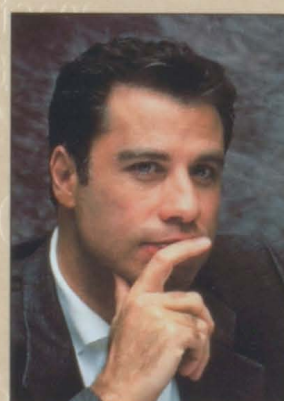
Marc Devilla, Gamma/Liaison

Bill Gates, founder and chairman of the computer giant Microsoft, becomes the wealthiest man in the world on the success of his company's software. His book *The Road Ahead* hits *The New York Times* best-seller list.



Ron Davis, Shooting Star

Hot actor Antonio Banderas falls in love with another screen sex-symbol Melanie Griffith during the filming of *Two Much*. Banderas will co-star with Madonna in the film version of *Evita* and will star in Steven Spielberg-produced *Zorro*.



Yoram Kahana, Shooting Star

Seventies superstar John Travolta's motion-picture comeback in the 1994 hit *Pulp Fiction* continues with starring roles in *Get Shorty* and *Broken Arrow*.



Foxes from Shooting Star

Sandra Bullock follows up her star-making role in *Speed* with the gentle romance *While You Were Sleeping*. Bullock's fresh, wholesome image earns her an "Entertainer of the Year" nomination from *Entertainment Weekly* magazine.

flash

America is disappointed in its high hopes for Colin Powell's 1996 presidential candidacy. At the close of his whirlwind book tour for *My American Journey*, the General and his wife Alma announce in November that he will not seek the Republican nomination.



Pete Souza, Gamma/Liaison



Stand-up comic and sitcom star Ellen DeGeneres makes the best-seller list with her book *My Point...And I Do Have One*.

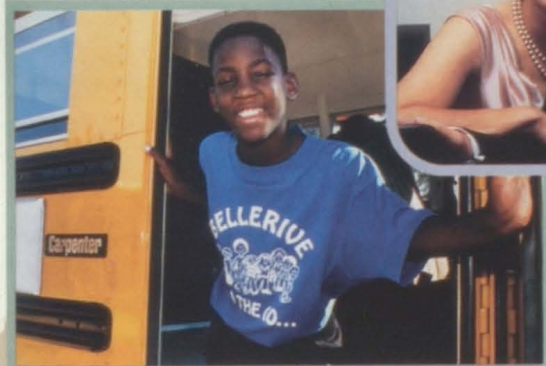
Calvin Klein's provocative CK Jeans campaign causes an uproar in August, bringing nasty headlines, threats of retailer boycotts and an FBI investigation. The scandal only seems to help sales.

Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley announce their divorce almost a year after their surprise marriage. The tabloids have a field day speculating about the reasons for the marriage (was it a cold-hearted career move?) as well as the causes for the break-up (was he after Elvis' fortune?).

Breaking the Surface, the autobiography of Greg Louganis, former U.S. Olympic gold-medal diver who revealed earlier that he has AIDS, debuts at No. 2 on the best-seller list.

Popcorn magnate Orville Redenbacher, who transformed popping corn into a gourmet item, dies on September 19 from heart failure.

Two Chinese women set a new Guinness world record in November by living in a room for 12 days with 888 poisonous snakes. The previous world record, set in Singapore in 1987, was 10 days with 200 snakes.



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A 10-year-old St. Louis schoolboy, Larry Champagne III, becomes a hero by taking control of his school bus after the driver suffered a stroke. Champagne is later awarded a \$10,000 scholarship by the bus company.

Christopher Reeve, in a wheelchair and hooked up to a portable respirator, appears with his wife, Dana, at the American Paralysis Association's annual gala on November 9, less than five months after a fall from a horse left him almost totally paralyzed.



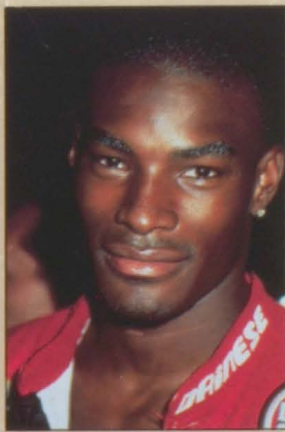
Marissa Roth, LGI

Actress Demi Moore becomes the highest paid woman in Hollywood, able to command \$12.5 million per movie, even after this year's flop at the box office *The Scarlet Letter*, loosely based on Hawthorne's classic.



Tim Mosier/Red, LGI

Favorite of America's heartland for his *You Might Be A Redneck If...* jokes, Georgia-born stand-up comic and author Jeff Foxworthy gets his own ABC sitcom in which he plays himself.



Nancy Kazarian, Shooting Star

Model Beckford Tyson, singled out by Ralph Lauren for his all-American looks, signs an exclusive contract with the fashion designer in 1995.



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Miss Oklahoma Shawntel Smith is crowned Miss America on September 16. During the broadcast of the 75th pageant, viewers phone in their votes to retain the swimsuit competition.



Kurt Vavant, Sipa Press

John F. Kennedy, Jr., is cofounder and editor-in-chief of *George*, a glossy new magazine covering American politics. Hounded all his life by the press, Kennedy joins their ranks, contributing a feature interview to each issue.

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Batman Forever, with Val Kilmer in the title role and Chris O'Donnell as Robin, becomes the third Batman movie and the summer's top-grossing film.

Sygma



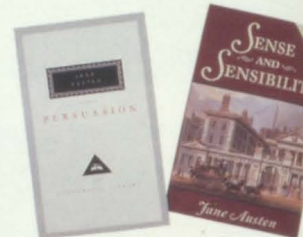
United Artists from Shooting Star

The fifth actor to play 007 in the enduring film series begun in the 1960s, Pierce Brosnan abandons his Aston Martin for a BMW Z3 Roadster in *Goldeneye*, the latest and, some say, best James Bond movie.

Three 1995 movies bring Jane Austen classics to the silver screen: *Clueless*, based on Austen's novel *Emma*, and *Sense and Sensibility* and *Persuasion*.



Disney Pictures from Shooting Star



Disney Pictures continues its line of animated blockbusters with the Native American legend *Pocahontas*. The picture previews in New York's Central Park to an outdoor audience of 200,000.



M. Gertler, LCI

After an unpromising start, Conan O'Brien quietly gains popularity as host of NBC's "Late Night," a slot previously filled by David Letterman. Letterman's current show on CBS slowly loses viewers.



Yoram Kahana, Shooting Star

Whitney Houston stars in the December film release, *Waiting to Exhale*, adapted from Terry McMillan's best-selling novel about the lives of four middle-class African-American women. Houston sings the title song for the movie soundtrack, which enjoys brisk sales.



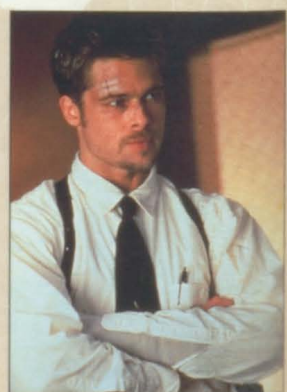
Ron Davis, Shooting Star

Denzel Washington, critically acclaimed for his performances in films *Crimson Tide* and *Devil in a Blue Dress*, receives highest praise from the City of Los Angeles, which honors him with the Martin Luther King, Jr., Award for his philanthropic work on behalf of children.

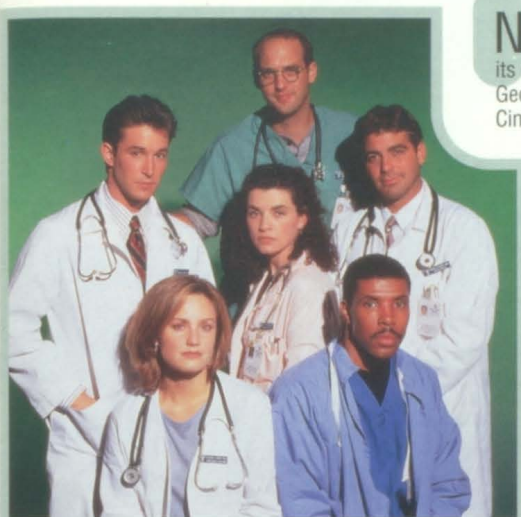


Bedford Falls from Shooting Star

Although ABC cancels her TV series "My So-Called Life," 17-year-old Claire Danes hits the big screen in *How to Make an American Quilt*, *To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday*, and *Romeo and Juliet* with Leonardo DiCaprio as her co-star.



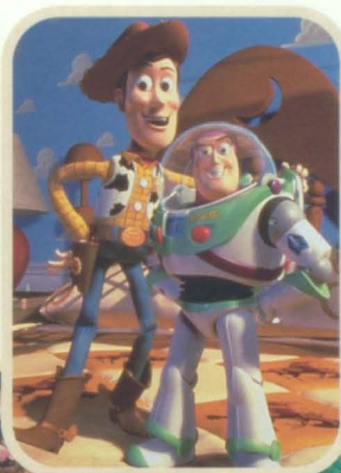
In the suspense-thriller *Seven*, heartthrob Brad Pitt attracts a wide male audience with his performance as a detective on the trail of a serial killer whose murders are based on the seven deadly sins.



Jeff Katz, Gamma/Liaison

NBC's hospital drama "E.R." continues to draw high ratings throughout 1995 thanks to its dramatic realism and the appeal of handsome George Clooney (middle right), supermodel Cindy Crawford's latest date.

Disney Pictures from Shooting Star



Disney Entertainment spends \$19 billion to purchase the ABC television network in July.

Toy Story is the world's first entirely computer-animated film. Released by Disney during the Christmas season, it features the voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, and Don Rickles.

flash

MTV introduces "Singed Out," an over-the-top dating game show where contestants ask random, pointless questions of a crowd of suitors, sight unseen, until the zany answers have eliminated all but that one perfect love match.

According to a Roper Youth Poll, the two hottest TV shows among teens this season are the daytime soap "Days of Our Lives" and the evening soap "Melrose Place."

"The Jon Stewart Show," a late-night talk show aimed at Generation X, fails to catch on. During the final taping, host Stewart says, "To all those people who said my show wouldn't last, I have only one thing to say. Good call."



Picta, LGI

Jim Carrey earns \$20 million for the starring role in the comedy *Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls*, a sequel to the extraordinarily popular *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*.

The popular NBC TV series "Friends" returns for a second highly rated season. Its runaway success inspires less successful imitations by other networks.



Sam Jones, Gamma/Liaison

Devoted fans will not be denied another season of NBC's sitcom "Seinfeld" after all. Creator Jerry Seinfeld decides to keep his "show about nothing" going for an eighth season.



Steve Hill, LGI



Fox from Shooting Star

Fox TV's "The X-Files" stars David Duchovny as an FBI agent who investigates supernatural phenomena. The show becomes a surprise hit, giving millions of viewers reason to look forward to staying home on a Friday night.

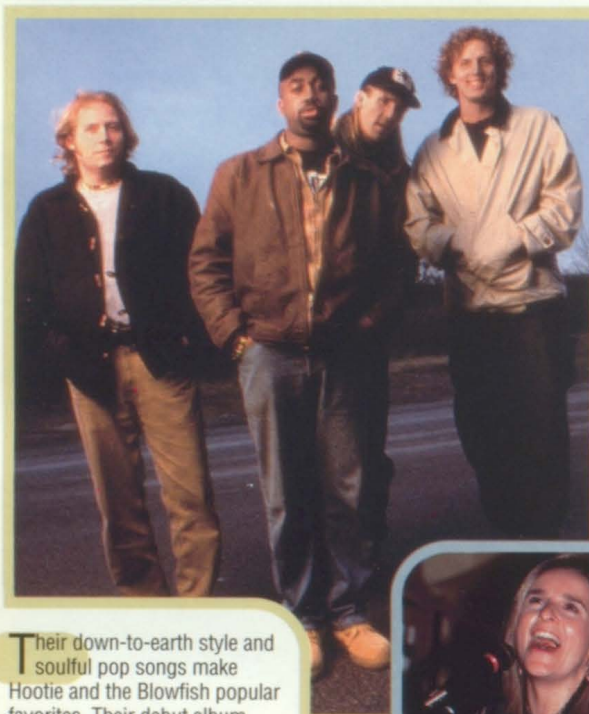


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Ten years after creating the popular comic strip "Calvin and Hobbes," cartoonist Bill Watterson retires in December.

Horror-fiction author Stephen King signs a deal with Signet books to release his upcoming story, *The Green Mile*, as a paperback series.

music news



John Chasson, Gamma Liaison

Their down-to-earth style and soulful pop songs make Hootie and the Blowfish popular favorites. Their debut album *Cracked Rear View* sells over 5 million, and the group is named Best New Artist at the MTV Music Awards in September.



Pacha, LGI

Blues Traveler emerge from the underground scene to widespread popularity with their album *Four* and the single "Run-Around."



Cleveland-based rap group Bone Thugs-n-Harmony vault to the top of the charts with some old-fashioned harmonizing on the album *E. 1999 Eternal*.



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Rocker Melissa Etheridge follows top-selling *Yes, I Am* with her fifth album, *Your Little Secret*.

Yoko Ono and Little Richard join a host of celebrities at the opening of the glitzy Rock-and-Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland on September 1.



John Bellissimo, LGI



Tim Mosentfelder, LGI

Twenty-year-old Canadian newcomer Alanis Morissette raises some eyebrows with her up-front, aggressive lyrics and attitudes. Nevertheless, her album *Jagged Little Pill* goes double platinum.



Felix from Shooting Star

Sixties icon Jerry Garcia, guitarist of The Grateful Dead, dies of a heart attack on August 9 at age 53. Garcia's musical roots in blues, country and folk are apparent in hits like "Truckin'." Legions of Deadheads mourn his passing.



Todd Gray, LGI

Brandy, whose self-titled platinum album and single "I Wanna Be Down" hit high on the R&B charts, sweeps the first Soul Train Music Awards in August. The 16-year-old singer wins Best New Artist, among other awards.



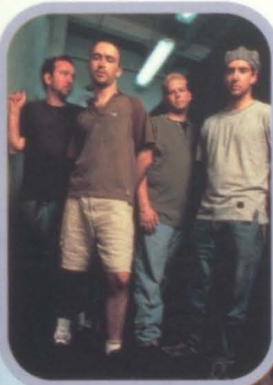
Bettmann

Beatlemania returns in 1995 with ABC's six-hour documentary *The Beatles Anthology*, the video releases of *A Hard Day's Night* and *Help!* and the album collection *Anthology*, featuring previously unreleased material.



The chart-topping movie soundtrack *Dangerous Minds* features Coolio's rap anthem "Gangsta's Paradise," the number-one single of the year according to *Billboard* magazine.

Live dedicate their single "Lightning Crashes" to victims of the Oklahoma City bombing. The rock band's *Throwing Copper* album yields three hit singles; Billboard Music Awards names them Rock Artist of the Year.



Joe Giron, LGI



Mark Hauser, LGI

The Chicago-based rock band Smashing Pumpkins release their epic double album *Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness* to critical and public acclaim.



Ronnie Wright, LGI

Mariah Carey's *Daydream* sells over 5 million copies, taking number-one spot on the *Billboard* album chart. Carey performs with Boyz II Men on the hit single "One Sweet Day."

flash

R.E.M.'s summer tour is interrupted by medical emergencies for three of the band's four members. The tour, their first in five years, is eventually completed with all members in good health.

In October, David Bowie and Nine Inch Nails wrap up the U.S. portion of Bowie's world tour. At each show, Bowie and Trent Reznor's band play a set together. In December, Bowie tours Europe with Morrissey as his opening act.

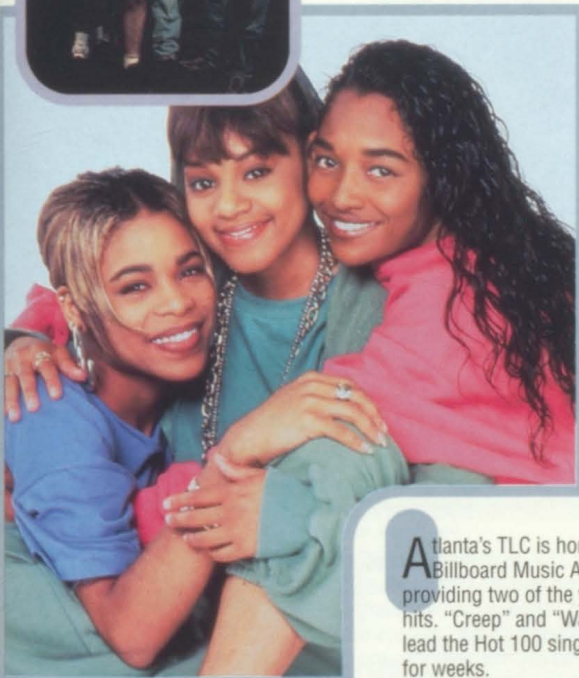
The Red Hot Chili Peppers tone down their trademark bawdiness in their newest album, *One Hot Minute*.



Steve Double, Retina

Former Nirvana drummer Dave Grohl plays a new sound as guitarist and lead singer in the Foo Fighters, an alternative rock band that enjoys three singles off their self-titled debut album in 1995.

At Atlanta's TLC is honored at the Billboard Music Awards for providing two of the year's biggest hits. "Creep" and "Waterfalls" both lead the Hot 100 singles charts for weeks.

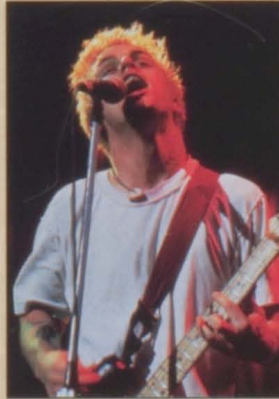


Jeffrey Scales, LGI



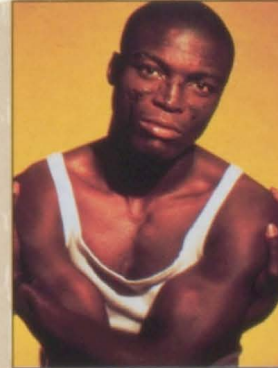
Ron Davis, Shooting Star

A hard-luck story turns into overnight success in the case of Canadian Shania Twain, born in poverty to an Irish mother and an Ojibway Indian father. Twain's 1995 hits include "Whose Bed Have Your Boots Been Under?" "Any Man of Mine" and the title tune to her 3-million-selling album *The Woman In Me*.



Steve Simons, Shooting Star

Success doesn't mellow the style of alternative rock band Green Day, who release their anxiously awaited fourth album *Insomniac*, their fastest and darkest album to date.



Steve Jennings, LGI

Seal's hit off the *Batman Forever* movie soundtrack, "Kiss From a Rose," is all over the summer playlists. The single propels the artist's self-titled album to the double-platinum mark.



Marc Morrison, Shooting Star

With the record-setting sales of his album *Fresh Horses*, only three musical acts in U.S. history outsell country music icon Garth Brooks: the Beatles, the Eagles, and Billy Joel.



Smith, Gamma Liaison

Selena, the 23-year-old Tejano music queen, is gunned down in Corpus Christi in March 1995 by Yolanda Saldivar, former president of her fan club. The July release of a collection of Selena's hits, *Dreaming of You*, sees some of the fastest sales in music history.

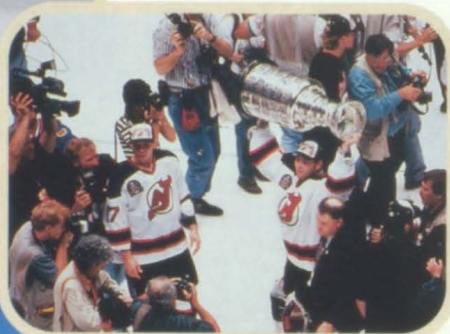
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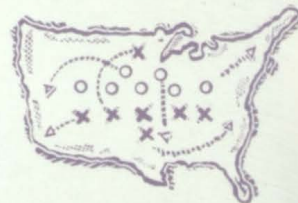
International soccer star Michelle Akers, world's top woman player, leads the U.S. women's soccer team to a 2-1 sudden-death victory over Norway in the U.S. Cup title game in August.

Chris Cole, Allsport



Focus on Sports

The New Jersey Devils win the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup, beating the heavily favored Detroit Red Wings in four straight games.

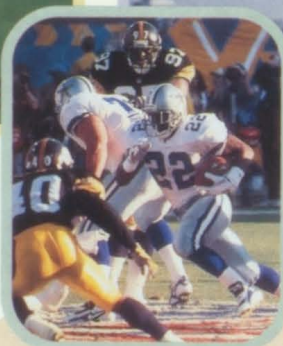


The most controversial moves are off the field this season as the Cleveland Browns NFL franchise announces its move to Baltimore and the Houston Oilers announce their move to Nashville.



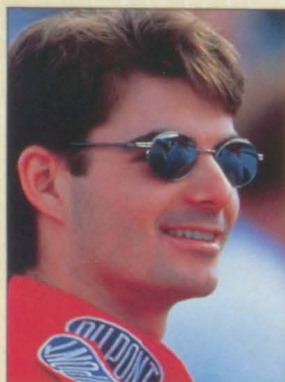
Clark Campbell, Sipa Press

In May 1995, Peter Blake's Team New Zealand in "Black Magic 1" defeats Dennis Conner's team in "Young America" in the first 5-0 sweep in the 144-year history of the America's Cup.



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In Super Bowl XXX, the heavily favored Dallas Cowboys beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 27-17. Dallas cornerback Larry Brown ices the game for the Cowboys with the second of his two interceptions, and is named MVP for his heroics.



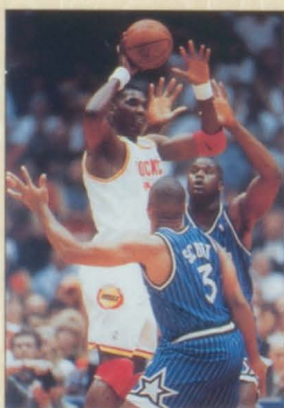
David Taylor, Allsport

Jeff Gordon, 24, dominates the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing's Winston Cup, winning 7 of NASCAR's 31 races and earning \$4.3 million in 1995, a record for the sport.



AP/Wide World

The University of Nebraska demolishes the University of Florida, 62-24, in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl to win their second consecutive national college football title and cap Cornhuskers coach Tom Osborne's 23rd season.



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The Houston Rockets, led by center Hakeem Olajuwon, win their second consecutive National Basketball Association championship in June, sweeping the series with the Orlando Magic in four games.



Steve Berman, Gamma Liaison

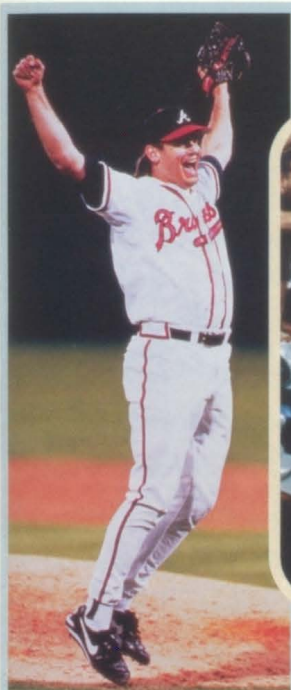
Twenty-one-year-old tennis champ Monica Seles, returning to competitive play two years after being stabbed at a tournament in Germany, wins the 1995 Australian Open.



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Hall-of-Famer Mickey Mantle, a switch-hitter and one of the great sluggers in baseball history, dies of cancer on August 13. Mantle hit 536 home runs in his 18-year career and compiled a lifetime batting average of .298.

The Atlanta Braves edge the Cleveland Indians 1-0 in game six to win the World Series on October 28. Closing pitcher Mark Wohlers leaps for joy.



Ric Stewart, Allsport



Vincent Laforet, Gamma/Liaison

The National Basketball Association fines the Chicago Bulls \$25,000 when Michael Jordan wears his previously retired number 23 jersey for luck during championship playoffs against the Orlando Magic in May 1995.



Clive Brunskill, Allsport

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Former L.A. Lakers point guard Earvin "Magic" Johnson announces a return to basketball in January 1996. Johnson retired in 1991 when he discovered he was HIV positive.

The Northwestern University Wildcats—long a gridiron laughingstock—pile up ten victories in 1995 and go to the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1949.

In his first fight in four years, former world heavyweight champ Mike Tyson disposes of challenger Peter McNeeley in 89 seconds. Tyson, who in March finished a three-year jail term for a rape conviction, earns \$25 million for the August boxing match.

Pete Sampras, winner of the 1995 men's singles championships at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open, ends the professional tennis season with a number-one world ranking.

German tennis star Steffi Graf, who won three of five Grand Slam titles in 1995, ends the professional tennis season ranked number one in the world.

National Basketball Association referees strike against the league for much of the autumn. Fill-in officials spark complaints of substandard refereeing.

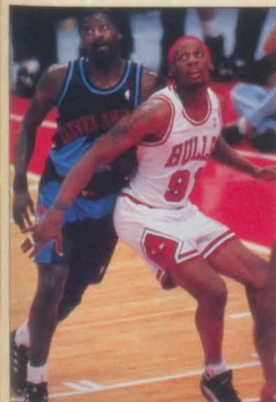


Doug Pensinger, Allsport



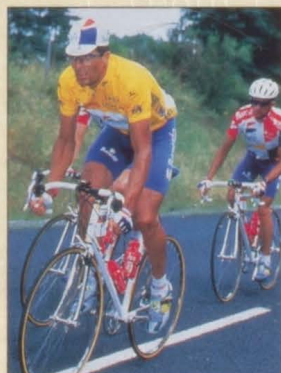
In September, Baltimore Orioles shortstop Cal Ripkin, Jr., achieves a record-setting 2,131 consecutive games.

Master of the sinking fastball and still learning to speak English, L.A. Dodgers pitcher Hideo Nomo, formerly with the Kintetsu Buffaloes in Japan, is named Rookie of the Year. Nomo is the second Japanese-born player to join the U.S. major leagues, and the first All-Star.



AP/Wide World

Known for his temperamental personality, his many tattoos and his aggressive playing style, basketball center Dennis Rodman (91) debuts with the Chicago Bulls after his trade from the San Antonio Spurs.



Mike Powell, Allsport

For a record fifth straight time, Miguel Indurain of Spain wins the 22-day, 2,270-mile Tour de France, the world's premier bicycle race. On the 15th day of the race, Italian road-race champ Fabio Casartelli is killed in a seven-man crash.



Focus on Sports

Betsy King wins her 30th tournament on June 25 and gains entry to the Ladies' Professional Golf Association's Hall of Fame, one of the most difficult attainments in sports.



Scott Halleran, Allsport

Quarterback Dan Marino of the Miami Dolphins sets four life-time passing records during the 1995 football season: 47,003 yards, 342 touchdowns, 3,686 completions and 6,467 attempts.



Jeff Christensen, Gamma/Liaison

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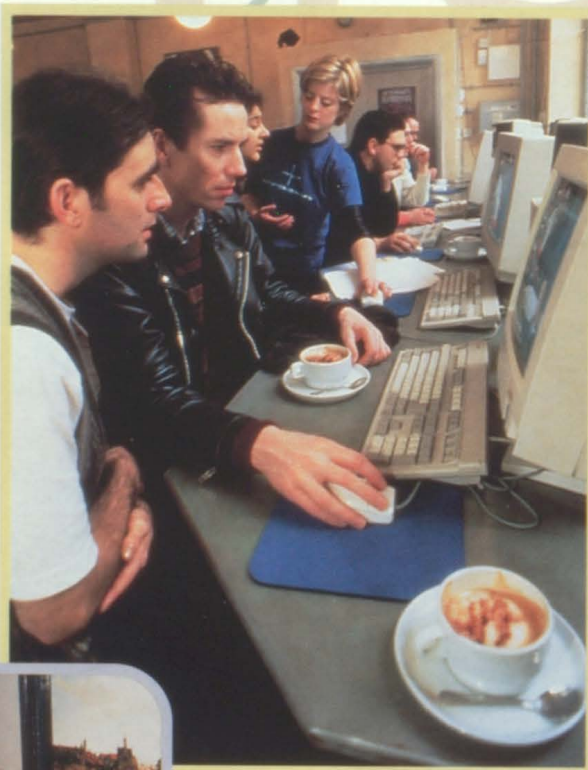
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The most recent fad in purses takes the form of small backpacks.

Designer water spreads to the pet world. Doting pet owners buy tuna-flavored bottled water for Fluffy and beef-flavored bottled water for Spot.



Diners are treated to variations on theme cafes, as Hard Rock Cafe is joined by Fashion Cafe, Planet Hollywood, Harley-Davidson Cafe, and London's Cyberia Cafe where patrons sip coffee and surf the Internet.



At first in the long, popular history of M&M's candies: a new blue M&M joins the colorful candy-coated mix.



Young people continue to follow the wide-leg jeans trend, forsaking tight jeans for a loose baggy fit.



The tattoo craze leads to some regrets, but recent laser developments keep people from being marked for life. Pulsed laser light, a different wavelength for each color in the tattoo, removes pigment without leaving scars.



Logo-wear reaches a new level of sophistication. Among the reigning makers of athletic wear, only Nike can spark recognition without the use of its name.



Reuters/Archive Photos

Americans consume culture and history as attendance at America's 8,000 museums climbs to 600 million people per year, more than movie, theater, and sports attendance combined.



Girlly things enjoy a surge in popularity with young women, who wear baby barrettes, knee socks, tiny t-shirts, little jumpers, and funky Maryjanes, and kid around with "Hello Kitty" accessories.



Lynn Goldsmith, L&L

Taking her place among controversial talk-show hosts as the "Oprah for the junior set," Ricki Lake speaks to such concerns as, "Mom, when my boyfriend gets out of jail, I'm taking him back."



The angel message of "fear not" strikes a deep chord with Americans' yearning for spiritual growth and comfort in a stressful time. People enjoy angel collectibles, angel sites on the Internet, and angel books and magazines.



"Some pretty cool people drink milk" is the message carried by a high-profile ad campaign featuring a raft of popular celebrities sporting a white upper lip on behalf of the healthy beverage. The milk-moustache effect is created with latex, a rubber-based paint.

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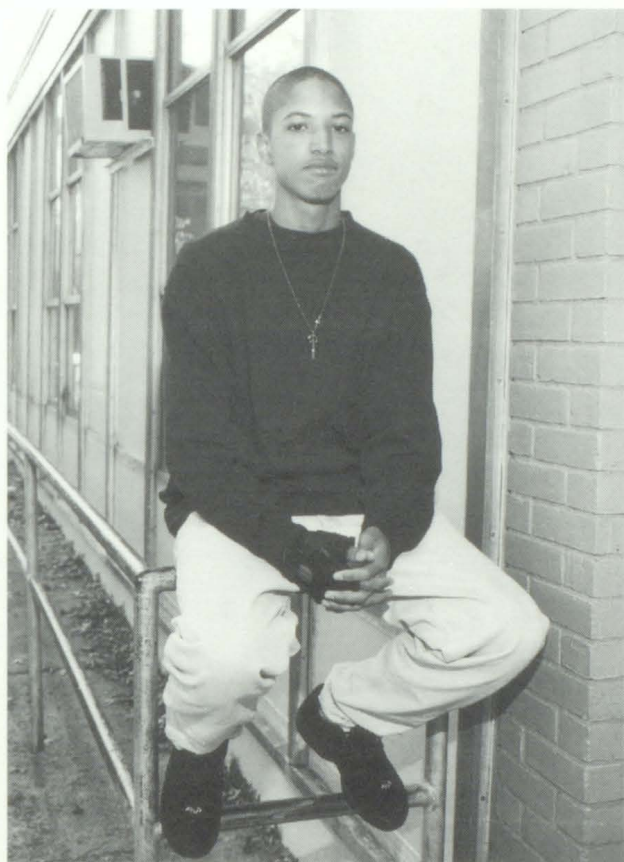
Stacy A. Williams

I am not going to give some lengthy speech about my years at UHS, because I don't even want to hear that.

All I can say to the underclassmen is give it your best, and never say the words "I quit." Never wait for anyone to give you opportunities. You have to go out there and get it. I would like to thank my mother and the only way I can truly thank her is by walking down the aisle. I wouldn't be here if it weren't for her love and support. I would like to thank my four favorite teachers: Ms. Gilmore, Ms. Jones, Mr. Davis and Mr. Hankerson. It was never too difficult to pay attention in any of their classes. Its hard to believe that my life is about to begin and there is no way you can go back and correct your mistakes. What I've done in the past is going to reflect on me in the future. I don't think getting suspended one time is going to kill you, but its not worth it.

Let me just run all friends down the line such as Todd, Otiz, Dane, Shawn, Shaun, Lydelle, Robert, Rashaan, Paul and Marvin. We all had to stick together because without each other we wouldn't be a class. I know in the past some of us didn't get along, but as the years went by you grew out of those things, and realized that person is a part of the class and you might as well make the best of it. I would also like to give heart to the women in the class, because basically they had the heart that kept the Class of '96 together. My years with all 31 of

you will never be forgotten. It wasn't too hard to make friends because our class was so small,



and we didn't have a choice. I never had to worry about friends though because I have a twin



brother. I can't recall a teacher who can tell us apart, but it's too late for that now. My brother has been with me through all my years in school, and he is truly my best friend.

I thought I would never find love in high school, because I thought it was all about books, but I was wrong. I am not ashamed to say

I'm in love with Natasha Feliciano. We've been in love with each other for two years, and she's someone I won't let go of. She was always there when I was stressed out and I would like to say I Love You Tasha! No one ever bothered to be there for me except you. There isn't anything that will tear us apart, and you know what ever I have to say to you, its just between me and you.

We may be the smallest class ever, but we have the biggest hearts. No matter how small our class became, we decided to go on realizing that in the end, our moment of glory would soon come. However, when you become a se-

nior, nothing really changes. You're still the same person in the 7th grade because no matter how mature you are, you will get that sudden urge to do something really stupid! There is nothing else I have to say, so **before I let go** of Rashaan and his Mrs. Porter for a Quarter jokes; **before I let go** of Todd and his silly laugh; **before I let go** of Latina and her sillier laugh; **before I let go** of Desiree and her weird faces; **before I let go** of Nikia's sweet personality; **before I let go** of Dane's afro; **before I let go** of Otiz's abusive attitude, **before I let go** of Aaliyah's company, **before I let go** of Thomasina's charm, and before I let go of Shaun's smooth ideas I would like to say I love you Class of '96, you guys and girls will never leave my heart.

Pride And Joy

CLASS OF 1996

Angela Giddings

To My Favorite Daughter,

Precious then and . . .
Precious now!
Love Always,
Mommy



Lauren Mc Coy

Dearest Lauren,
You are my miracle baby. You have accepted my
challenge and met it with
dignity, grace and sincerity.
There is not enough room to
begin to tell how much I
thank God for blessing me
with having such a fine
young person in my life. I
love you and wish you hap-
piness, peace and success.
You are *my pride and joy*.
Mom



Lakia Haywood

Dear Lakia,

Congratulations on all
your accomplishments so
far. We know that you will
continue to make us
proud by continuing to be
successful in all your fu-
ture endeavors.

Love,
Grandda and Uncle
Jimmy



Wakeelah McLaughlin

Ke Ke means alot to us because she gives
us a chance to think
about how wonderful
and special a daugh-
ter can be.. And to say:
We love you; we're
proud of you and we're
glad you are our
daughter.

Love,
Mommy and Daddy



Aaliyah,

Aaliyah Jackson

I've watched you grow from a precious and
precocious baby, to a
beautiful and respectful
young woman - you have
never disappointed me.

Congratulations
As you continue your
journey to success.

Love Ya,
Mom



Lesley Nelson
Before I Let Go. . .

Lesley,
Remember that you
can do *all* things
through Christ who
strengthens you!!!
I Love You and I am
very proud of you,
"Les is the bomb. . ."
Mommy



Thomasina Patterson

Our Daughter Thomasina,

We have watched you grow from an infant to a nice young lady. God has kept you for these seventeen years, and if you continue to put Him first in your life, you will never go wrong. For He didn't bring you this far, for you to turn back now. Ask Him to guide, protect, and strengthen you.

Keep the faith and trust in yourself. If you believe, you can achieve.

"Oh my how time flies, from one to twelve and now good-bye."

Love,
Mom and Dad



Keisha Peynado

Congratulations Keisha,

We are very proud of you. You strive for the best in life and you get closer each day. You're a smart, intelligent, strong and independent person and you will be able to make it in this world. Don't ever worry, we're right behind you to help. We love you and wish you the best life.

Your loving family,
Kadian, Karen, Fabian,
Junior, Mom and Daddy



Qiana Plummer

Before I Let Go . . .

I pray everyday that you
stay strong.
Steadfast hold on.

Congratulations,
Qiana C. Plummer

Love, Mom



Otiz Porter

To Otiz "Special"

The road ahead may be filled with many obstacles, but remain strong, open-minded, focused and honest. Never stop educating your mind, because education is power. Strive for success in all your endeavors. Set realistic goals; with self limitations. Reach for the stars, but capture the moon.

Unconditional love forever.

Your Mom "Beverly"



Fatimah Provillon

Dear Timah,

Congratulations, baby and remember you can do anything. I'll miss my baby, but I've watched you grow into an intelligent and independent young woman.

Make us proud, Timah.
Good Luck!

Love,
Momma Beverly and the
Family



Carrissa Ransom

"May God Bless You"

Carrissa A. Ransom

As you make steps into a new time in your life. Always remember your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be with you.

Love from your
Mother, Step-Father
and Father



Katrina Stubbs

Katrina,

It's wonderful realizing a dream, knowing that the little girl who once filled your life with joy and your heart with love has grown into a special woman.

I hope you know how proud I am of you. When you set your mind to a task, you see it through. And I hope you know how much I love you and how much I wish all your dreams come true.

Congratulations Baby,
Love Always, Your Mom,
Lamanda Howard



Paul Sweatte

Dear Paul,

We have grown, learned, loved, and experienced new feelings, warm thoughts, and special times over the past 17 years. You are my heart.

Love,
Mom



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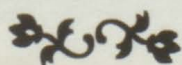
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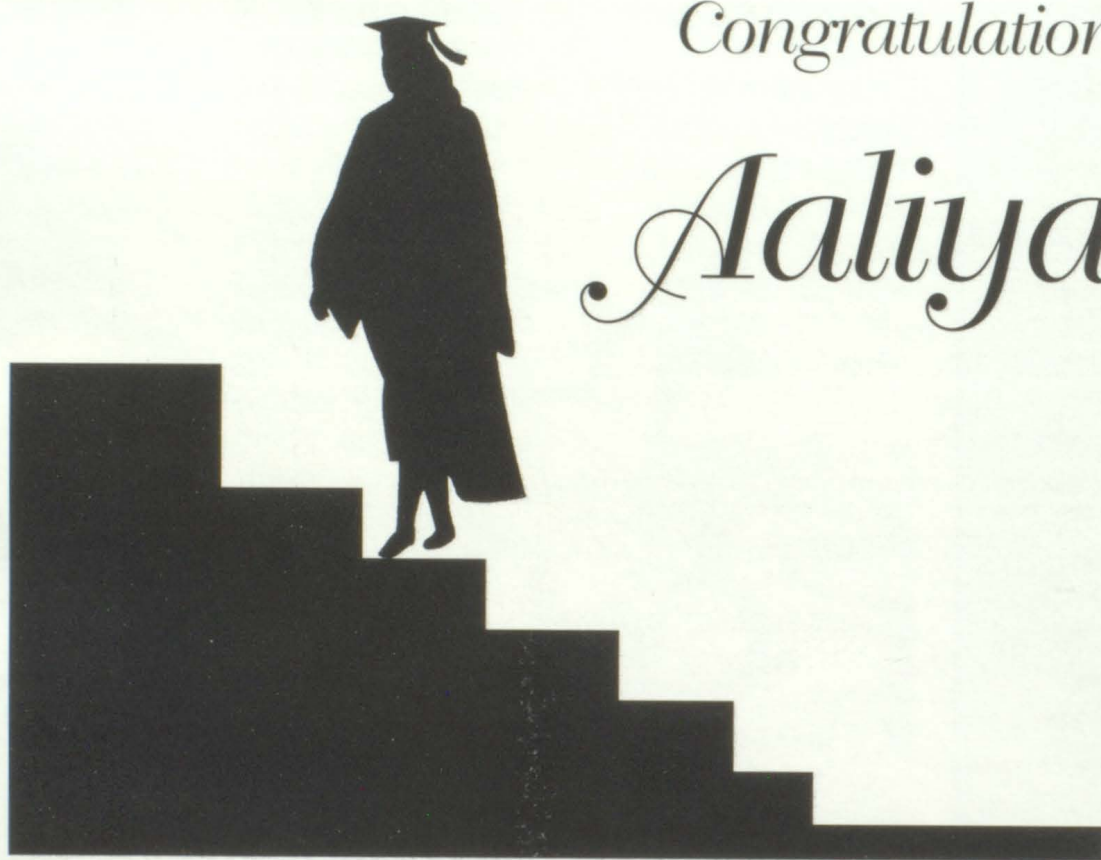
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*Love,
Mom and Grandma*



Marilyn Howard

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Even though we had to put up with your mood swings, snide remarks, forgetfulness, etc., we know that we could not have made it without you. You went to battle for us countless times and you worked with us and for us with unlimited stamina and drive.

We know that we have been "pain-in-the butt" children for four long years. We also know that because of us your bank account is empty, your credit is bad, and your Mercedes' hubcaps and emblem are hanging in someone's pawn shop. However, you still love us, you will still miss us, and you wouldn't mind doing it again.

Love,

Your kids, C/O '96

P.S. We're all moving back "home" after college.

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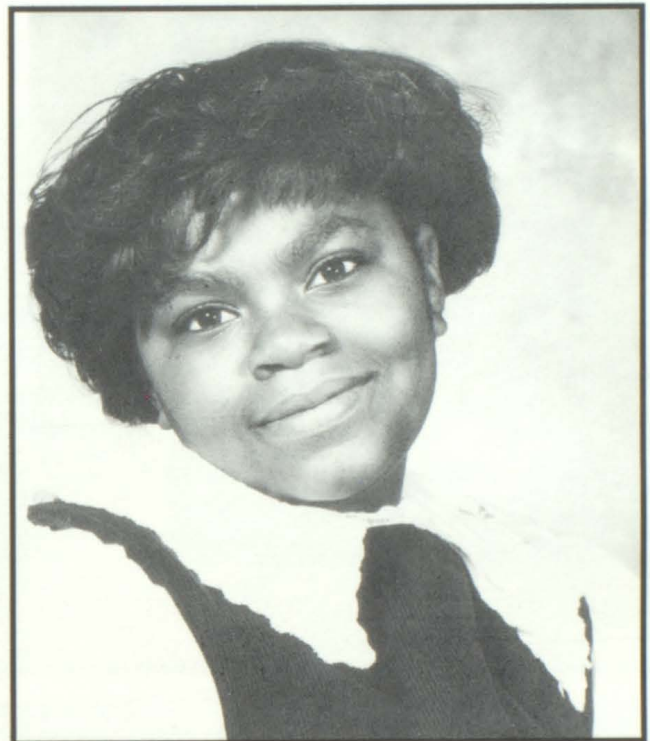
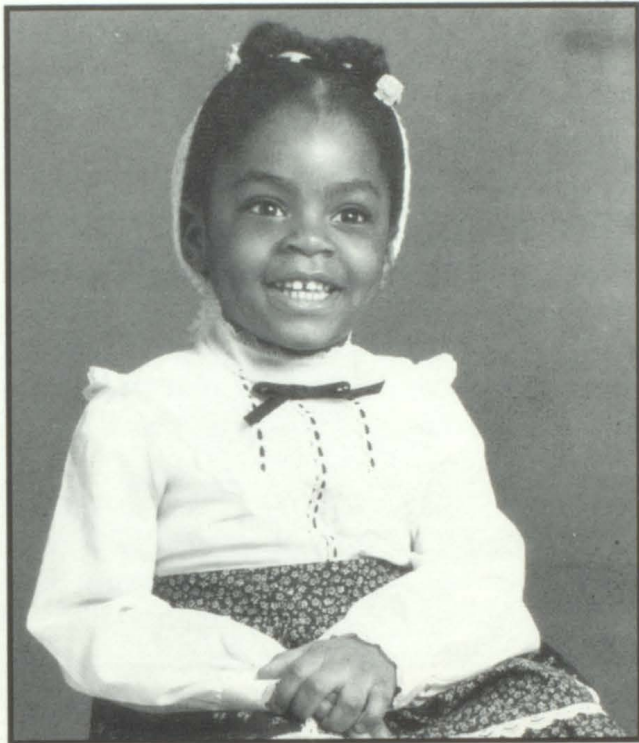
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Love and prayers,

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Congratulations to Our Sister *Thomasina J. Patterson*



With the Lord as your shepherd, you have all that you need for if you follow in His footsteps wherever He may lead.
He will guard and guide and keep you in His loving, watchful care.

And when traveling in dark valleys, your shepherd will be there...

His goodness is unfailing

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It's time to say so long our sister, our fellow friend.

You've been a good role model. You've taught us to set our goals high, because if you believe it, you can achieve it. You have graduated from high school, now the real challenge begins. Just hold steadfast to your hopes and your dreams.

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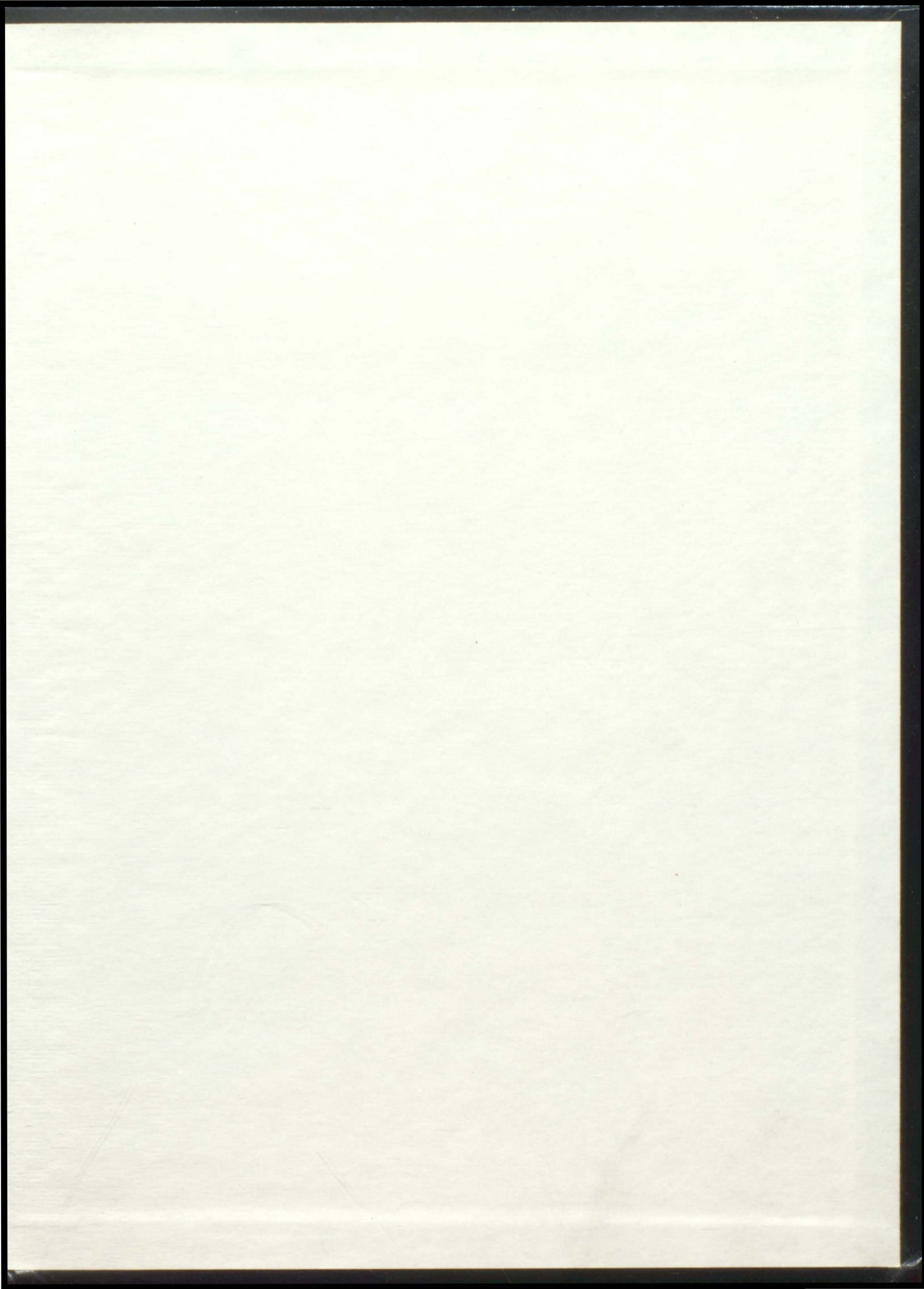
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